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Kansas City, Missouri

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The President of Synod

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One Year Terms

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One Year Terms

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The President of Synod Chairman

Calendar for 1955

Place of Synod meeting: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska

Date of Synod Meeting: May 10, 11, 12, 1955.

Committee on Students in Non-Lutheran Schools

Rev. John N. Slice, S.T.M., 2019 N. Street ..... Auburn, Nebr.
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Roll Of Synod

MINISTERS and ADDRESSES	Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	PARISHES and DELEGATES
ALEXANDER, CLARENCE M. Emerson, Nebr.	1936	1954	NE	St. Luke's Paul Fuchser
ALEXANDER, WILLARD W. 801 No. 17th, Kansas City, Kans.	1935	1954	SE	Trinity R. H. Lage
ALLEN, HARRY R. 3743 Harrison Blvd. Kansas City 3, Mo.	1926	1954	SE	St. Mark's Harry Luth
ALTHOF, THEODORE 505 Brooks, Russell, Kans.	1936	1954	SW	St. John's Herman Langholz
AMEND, ED J., ThD. Wisner, Nebr.	1927	1954	NE	Christ's Harvey Gralheer
ANDERSON, P. O. 858 N. Burritt Ave., Buffalo, Wyo.	1945	1954		Leave of Absence
ANGERSBACH, ARTHUR 313 No. Elm St., Eureka, Kans.	1928	1954	SE	Christ
ASHLEY, MARTIN C. Waterville, Kans.	1949	1954	SW	St. Mark's Arthur Geyer
BAHNSEN, J. A. 506 New York Ave., Hastings, Nebr.	1910	1954	SW	St. Paul's
BAIRD, H. VANCE 340 W. 12th St., Fremont, Nebr.	1938	1954	NE	
BARNHARDT, HARVEY H. Washington, Kans.	1937	1954	SW	Good Shepherd Ralph Davison
BARTHEL, WAYNE B. Chapman, Kans.	1949	1954	SW	Scherer Memorial A. Sanborn
BASS, GEORGE M. 837 N. Market, Wichita 5, Kans.	1946	1954	SW	St. Paul's
BASTIAN, EDWIN P. Kutztown, Pa.	1949	1954		Disabled
BAUGHMAN, A. C. Fontanelle, Nebr.	1921	1954	NE	Salem Luther Monke
BERGFELDER, O. 255 - 11th N.W., Waverly, Iowa	1902	1954		Retired
BERGSTRESSER, FULLER, D.D. 514 W. Third, Abilene, Kans.	1894	1954	SW	Trinity Roy Ellson
BIBLEHIMER, PHILIP C. Gothenburg, Nebr.	1951	1954	SW	Zion's Jurgen Franzen
BIEDENWEG, H. M. Falls City, Nebr.	1926	1954	C	St. Peter's Albert Merz
BIEGER, P. Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	1888	1954	C	Retired
BOLDT, FREDERICK D., D.D. 433 E. Military, Fremont, Nebr.	1928	1954	NE	Salem Carl F. Olson
BREI, HARLAN A. Scribner, Nebr.	1953	1954	NE	St. John's (Ridgeley) Ray Spath St. Matthew's Pleasant Valley, Nebr. Fred Ladehoff
BUMGARNER, ELVIN Valley Falls, Kans.	1954	1954	SE	St. Paul's E. E. Ferguson
CHURCHILL, WARREN F. Creston, Nebr.	1935	1954	NE	St. Peter's Herman Muehle St. Paul's, Leigh, Nebr. Otto Weber
CLARK, HARVEY 2nd & Cedar, Grand Island, Nebr.	1935	1954	SW	St. Paul's English R. C. Lykke
CORDTS, H. C. Wilber, Nebr.	1926	1954	SW	First
CRESS, F. L. Walton, Nebr.	1928	1954	C	Trinity Grace, Eagle, Nebr.
DAUBENSPECK, W. N. Hq. MRTC, Camp Pickett, Va.	1929	1954		U. S. Army Chaplain
de FREESE, LOUIS H. 228 N.E. 16th St. Oklahoma City, Okla.	1936	1954	SE	First Lutheran Loyd Lewallen
de FREESE, PAUL 511 N. Burlington, Hastings, Nebr.	1943	1954	SW	First St. Paul's John Meyer, Jr.
de FREESE S. K. 421 Lincoln St., Wayne, Nebr.	1942	1954	NE	Redeemer's Lawrence Thomsen

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DIECKMAN, PAUL W., STM., D.D. Fremont, Nebr.	1932	1954	NE	Midland College
DIEKHOFF, H. J. Pierce, Nebr.	1920	1954	NE	Christ's Vernon Wragge
DUHRKOP, GUSTAV F. (Major) Hq. Osaka Army, Hospital 8000th Av. APO 54, San Francisco, Calif.	1919	1954		U. S. Army Chaplain
DUIS, ALFRED 105 Duck St., Stillwater, Okla.	1934	1954	SE	Salem Karl Friedemann Zion, Perry, Okla. Ed. Bieberdorf
DUMLER, HENRY Davenport, Nebr.	1926	1954	SW	Christ Ray S. Berkey
EKLUND, MILTON A. Oshkosh, Nebr.	1954	1954	NW	St. Mark's Fred Schwartz Grace, Lewellen, Nebr.
ELLER, GEORGE W. 613 N. Mill, Beloit, Kans.	1935	1954	SW	Zion John Kindshor
EMPSON, CARL I. Dakota City, Nebr.	1924	1954	NE	Salem
ENSRUD, J. O., D.D. 202 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, Va.	1912	1954		U. S. Army (Retired)
FREDERICK, P. W. H., D.D. 1643 N. Colson, Fremont, Nebr.	1900	1954	NE	Retired
FREDERICK, SHERMAN E. 206 W. 7th, Emporia, Kans.	1937	1954	SE	St. Mark's E. Dee Shepherd
FREEBERG, ARTHUR C. 3223 So. 23rd, Omaha 9, Nebr.	1945	1954	C	Aug. Church
FREITAG, FREDERICK Russell, Kans.	1928	1954	SW	Trinity*
FROBENIUS, RENO R. 316 So. 10th, St. Joseph, Mo.	1930	1954	SE	First R. O. Schriver
FUNK, DAVID M. 912 Osage St., Sedalia, Mo.	1922	1954	C	Trinity Clinton J. Muller
GASTON, ROBERT E. 8th and Grant, York, Nebr.	1938	1954	C	First Roger Clementson First, McCool Junction, Nebr. Charles A. Kaliff
GEISSLER, MAX H. 213 E. Division St., Peabody, Kans.	1931	1954	SW	St. Paul's Frank Wilson
GOEDE, C. H. Auburn, Nebr.	1924	1954	C	St. John's*
GOEDE, HENRY J. 1317 So. 26th St., Omaha, Nebr.	1930	1954	C	Grace
GOEDE, HERMAN, D.D. 540 D St., Lincoln, Nebr.	1922	1954	C	Frieden's George J. Stroh
GOEDE, WILLIAM Ellis, Kans.	1927	1954	SW	Christ's William Bunker
GIESCHEN, G. 1320 N. Monroe, Fremont	1922	1954	NE	Central Seminary
GIGSTAD, KARL 2222 - 16th St., Columbus, Nebr.	1941	1954	NE	United Harm Kruse
GOLDENSTEIN, C. R. 2010 - 9th St., Columbus, Nebr.	1931	1954	NE	Trinity Arthur Feye
GOMANN, EMIL A., STD. Gurley, Nebr.	1913	1954	NW	Grace Harold Ludemann
GULBIS, MODRIS Niobrara, Nebr.	1953	1954	NE	Niobrara Lutheran Herman Schroeder Good Shepherd, Bloomfield, Nebr. Albert Clausen
HAMILTON, HAROLD 115 E. So. Park, Lawrence, Kans.	1947	1954		Trinity Albert C. Hayden
HAMILTON, ROBERT Glasco, Kans.	1954	1954	SW	St.Paul's Max Martin
HANSEN, CLARENCE J. Rockport, Mo.	1946	1954	C	Rockport-Langdon Harry H. Fuelling
HANSEN, E. C., STD. 2810 Sumner St., Lincoln, Nebr.	1919	1954	C	United Lutheran David Snyder

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HANSEN, ELVIN S. Hardy, Nebr.	1944	1954	SW	St. Paul's Edward J. Nelson
HANSEN, PAUL 29th North St., Georgetown 8, Br. Guiana, S. A.	1948	1954		Foreign Missionary
HARDER, WILLIAM Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	1893	1954	C	Retired
HARTMAN, BURNELL W. Ohiowa, Nebr.	1952	1954	SW	St. John's W. H. Weiss
HARTWIG, G. H. 3314 So. Emtrson Ave. Minneapolis 8, Minn.	1901	1954	C	Retired Professor Emeritus
HAUT, ROBERT J. 2547 North 62nd St., Omaha 4, Nebr.	1952	1954	C	First English Fred Pederson
HEIDENREICH, W. C. Hampton, Nebr.	1906	1954	C	Emmanuel (Supply) John Faber
HENKEL, F. W. 5122 So. Trenton, Tulsa, Okla.	1926	1954	SE	Mission Developer
HENNING, WILFRED H. Spencer, Nebr.	1945	1954	NE	United Clement Olson
HERBER, GEORGE Gretna, Nebraska	1931	1954	C	Resurrection Wulf Krambeck
HERING, KARL F. Platte Center, Nebr.	1925	1954	C	Zion's*
HEUSER, EARL Johnson, Nebr.	1950	1954	C	St. Matthew's
HIERONYMUS, W. P., Ph.D. Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y.	1921	1954		Professor
HIRSCH, EDWIN J. 10521 E. 59th, Kansas City, Mo.	1933	1954	SE	Blue Ridge Trinity George Nelson
HOLZBERGER, J. M. Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	1906	1954	C	Retired
HUF, GUSTAV K. 542 So. 55th St., Omaha Nebr.	1924	1954	C	St. Matthew Stephen S. Orr
HUNEKE, ARTHUR W. Lanham, Nebr.	1936	1954	SW	St. John's August Brei Zion (Supply) Diller, Nebr.
JACOBS, VERNON 520 W. 12th St., Alliance, Nebr.	1950	1954	NW	St. John's John Lang Macher
JANSON, PAUL E. Tekamah, Nebr.	1952	1954	NE	Immanuel Emil Ahrens
JENSEN, CLAUDIUS E. 7103 Minne Lusa Ave., Omaha, Nebr.	1931	1954	C	Redeemer Otto Schellberg
JENSEN, M. S. Rt. No. 1, Hastings, Nebr.	1905	1954	SW	Emmanuel (Supply) Retired
JENSEN, SAMUEL W. 221 E. 21st St., So. Sioux City, Nebr.	1941	1954	NE	First David R. Warner
JESSIFERS, H. 2144 Washington, Lincoln, Nebr.	1940	1954	C	Latvian Evangelical Aleksandra Silenieks
JOBMAN, RICHARD Box 754, Norfolk, Nebr.	1940	1954	NE	St. John's M. A. Callies (Immanuel (Supply) Madison, Nebr. Walter Botsch
JOENS, HERMAN Scribner, Nebr.	1930	1954	NE	St. John's Fred Von Seggern
JOHNSON, RAYMOND Sunrise Beach, Mo.	1941	1954	SE	Kent Memorial
JULIFFS., FREDERICK J. Rising City Nebr.	1954	1954	C	First Joseph Sloup
KAHSE, W. T., D.D. Box 103, Sidney, Nebr.	1905	1954	NW	Trinity Retired Pastor Emeritus
KEMPER, CARL Fremont, Nebr.	1927	1954		*Retired*
KERN, FRED Stonewall, Texas	1927	1954		Leave of Absence

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KLINGER, K. 54 So. Greenwood, Ave. Pasadena, Calif.	1898	1954		Retired
KLINK, W. A., D.D. Rising City, Nebr.	1917	1954	C	Retired
KNAUB, HENRY Bloomfield, Nebr.	1935	1954	NE	St. Mark's Dr. L. C. Donat
KOCH, DENNIS K. 22 Sekiden, Tanaka, Sakyo, Ku Kyota, Japan	1952	1954		Foreign Missionary
KOCHER, ROBERT Lancaster, Kans.	1954	1954	SE	St. John's Mrs. Oliver McLennon
KONIG, KARL Yutan, Nebr.	1924	1954	C	St. John's Carl Stange
KONIG, KARL HENRY Sutton, Nebr.	1953	1954	SW	Zion's Gus Hornbacher
KOOLEN, M., D.D. 1633 Van Dorn, Lincoln, Nebr.	1900	1954	C	Retired
KREBS, GEORGE P. West Point, Nebr.	1934	1954	NE	Grace W. H. Hasebroock
KRUEGER, J. O. 6409 Logan St., Lincoln, Nebr.	1895	1954	C	Retired
KUEHNER, PAUL C. Diller, Nebr.	1923	1954	SW	St. Paul's Albert Kisling
KUEHNER, T. G. Tea, South Dakota	1915	1954	NE	Trinity
LA FONTAINE, LEO S. 517 Lecta St., Fort Smith, Ark.	1937	1954	SE	St. Luke's
LARSEN, AKSEL C. 3454 So. Gary St., Tulsa 15, Okla.	1936	1954	SE	First E. L. Bumgarner
LAU, WALDORF Blue Hill, Nebr.	1945	1954	SW	St. Paul's John Willems
LEHMAN, ARNO Box 68, New Cambria, Kans.	1953	1954	SW	Peace St. Paul's, Mentor, Kans. W. Romaine Forsberg
LENSER, H. L. Hanover, Kans.	1906	1954	SW	Retired
LENTZ, A. B. J., D.D. Louisville, Nebr.	1919	1954	C	Christ's P. G. Hennings
LESHER, ROBERT L. 2942 Franklin St., Bellevue Nebr.	1952	1954	C	Immanuel John H. Schaller
LESHER, L. H., D. D. 2225 Washington St., Lincoln, Nebr.	1921	1954	C	Grace Dr. W. F. Weiland
L'HEUREUX, LOUIS 22 - 3 Chrome, Tokugawa Cho, Higashi Ku, Nagoya, Japan	1951	1954		Foreign Missionary
LOEFFLER, FRED 316 E. Grant, Fowler, Colo.	1913	1954		Retired
MARXEN, J. N. Linn, Kans.	1906	1954	SW	St. Paul's (Supply) Retired
MC CULLOCH J. A., D.D. 2710 Blue Ridge Blvd. Kansas City 29, Mo.	1898	1954	SE	Pastor Emeritus
MENDENHALL, GEORGE N. 709 N. 6th St., Sterling, Kans.	1908	1954		Retired
MESSER, J. E., STM. 320 W. 20th St., Falls City, Nebr.	1932	1954	C	St. Paul's Albert J. Gruber
MILLER, ARTHUR W. 323 N. Jefferson, Wellington, Kans.	1953	1954	SW	St. John's Levi Dunlap
MILLER, J. C. Verdon, Nebr.	1915	1954	C	Retired
MOEDE, E. J. Gretna, Nebr.	1920	1954	C	Leave of Absence
MOEHRNG, R. Wakeeney, Kans.	1910	1954	SW	Zion's Alex Flagler
MOELLER, WALTER H. 310 So. 7th St., Salina, Kans.	1931	1954	SW	St. John's William Hogrefe
MOELLER, VICTOR RFD No. 3, Pender, Nebr.	1927	1954		St. Peter's Carl Wichman

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MOESSNER, PAUL H. G., AM. Hooper, Nebr.	1940	1954	NE	Zion's Elmer B. Sasse
MONNICH, HENRY T. 1129 Tenth Ave., Sidney, Nebr.	1938	1954	NW	Trinity Marius Christensen
MORTENSEN, E. C. Broadwater, Nebr.	1920	1954	NW	Messiah Willie Nelson
MORTENSEN, LOYAL Valley, Nebr.	1953	1954	C	St. Mark's
MOST, W. F. 4637 W. 69th Terrace, Prairie Village 15, Kans.	1931	1954	SE	Faith C. Holm
MUMM, HARRY L., STM., Ph.D. 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, Calif.	1944	1954		Professor Pacific Seminary
NAUGLE, CALVIN J. 406 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City 24, Mo.	1938	1954	SE	Children's Memorial A. D. Fennell
NIELSEN, LEO R. 406 So. 9th, Nebraska City, Nebr.	1934	1954	C	First
NOLTE, F. W., SR., D.D. Westboro, Mo.	1917	1954	C	St. John's
NOLTE FREDERICK, JR. Rt. No. 6, Lincoln, Nebr.	1947	1954	C	Zion's*
OLLENDORF, FRED Northboro, Iowa	1940	1954	C	St. Paul's*
PEARSON, H. B. Wahoo, Nebr.	1943	1954	C	Luther College
PEIL, J. Ayr, Nebr.	1927	1954		Inactive
PERRY, T. BENTON, STD.** 837 N. Market, Wichita 5, Kans.	1926	1954	SW	St. Paul's Dale Koegeboehn
PETERSON, M. W. Winside, Nebr.	1944	1954	NE	Trinity E. T. Warnemunde
PFEIFFER, R. R. Scribner, Nebr.	1929	1954	NE	United Emmanuel, Snyder, Nebr. John Lamberty
PIETZKO, V. R. 825 Washington, Lincoln, Nebr.	1917	1954	SW	Retired
PINKALL, A. H., D.D. 24th and I Sts., Omaha, Nebr.	1930	1954	C	St. Luke's Claude Spear
RABE, F., D.D. 2908 So. 25th St., Lincoln Nebr.	1892	1954	C	Retired
RANGELER, RALPH L. PO. Box 126, Beatrice, Nebr.	1919	1954	SW	Trinity United J. W. Pollock
RAUTENSTRAUSS, CHR. 6180 W. 40th Ave., Wheatridge, Colo.	1910	1954		Retired
RHODE, H. O. Darrouzett, Texas	1914	1954	SE	St. Paul's Fred Born
RITZEN, H. G. 1015 N. Washington, Hutchinson Kans.	1941	1954	SW	Zion Don Epperson
RITZEN, RALPH 1420 No. Madison, Fremont, Nebr.	1947	1954	NE	Midland College
ROHLFING, ED F. Homer, Nebr.	1935	1954	NE	St. Paul's Thorvald Enderson Trinity, Hubbard, Nebr.
ROWOLDT, P., SR. 3210 Summit Blvd., Lincoln, Nebr.	1897	1954	C	Retired
ROWOLDT, WALTER E. Pender, Nebr.	1942	1954	NE	St. Mark's*
RUPLEY, J. B. D.D. Dalton, Nebr.	1916	1954	NW	Trinity Gus Kragel
RUPLEY, J. B., JR. 311 W. 5th St., North Platte, Nebr.	1942	1954	NW	First Robert Ramig
RUPLEY, KENDIG 5211 Seward St., Omaha, Nebr.	1947	1954	C	Luther Memorial J. A. Reinemund
SAAS, W. H. Benedict, Nebr.	1925	1954	C	Zion Evan Miller
SAUBERZWEIG, Th.D. Otoe, Nebr.	1927	1954	C	St. John's William Koch

MINISTERS and ADDRESSES	Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	PARISHES and DELEGATES
SCHERF, ROYCE Pilger, Nebr.	1954	1954	NE	St. John's St. Luke's, Stanton, Nebr.
SCHLICHTER, ROBERT 7621 Holmes Ave., Kansas City, Mo.	1954	1954	SE	Mission (So. Area)
SCHMIDT, ARTHUR E. Box 31, Cole Camp, Mo.	1927	1954	SE	United Lillie M. Kreisel
SCHMITZ, CONRAD J. Board of Foreign Missions, 231 Madison Ave., N. Y.	1954	1954		Missionary
SCHRADER, J., D.D. Lipscomb, Texas	1909	1954	SE	St. John's Ed Schneider
SCHROEDER, DANIEL C. Emerson Nebr.	1952	1954	NE	St. John's Elmer Denker
SCHROEDER, M. SR., AM., D.D. Glenvil, Nebr.	1917	1954	SW	St. Paul's (Supply) Retired Ernest Meyer
SCHROEDER, MARTIN, JR. 120 W. 7th St., Grand Island, Nebr.	1949	1954	SW	Messiah Howard Peterson
SCHROEDER, NORMAN Lodge Pole, Nebr.	1948	1954	NW	Immanuel H. P. Fraass Grace, Chappell, Nebr.
SCHULDT, F. C., D.D. 340 W. 5th St., Fremont, Nebr.	1906	1954	NE	Retired
SCHULDT, THEODORE J. C., D.D. 549 W. 9th St., Fremont, Nebr.	1936	1954	NE	Public Relations Director, Midland College
SEARCH, GEORGE L. 901 So. 5th St., Atchison, Kans.	1932	1954	SE	St. Mark's
SHIRCK, J. FRANKLIN Greenleaf, Kans.	1945	1954	SW	Trinity & St. Paul's
SHIRCK, ROBERT	1945	1948	C	Bennington, Nebr. St. John's
SIMON, M. BLAINE Allen, Nebr.	1937	1954	NE	First Robert Happel
SLICE, JOHN M., STM. 2019 N St., Auburn, Nebr.	1937	1954	C	St. Paul's Walter W. Kuenning
SMITH, EUGENE 253 So. Battin St., Wichita, Kans.	1947	1954	SW	Reformation J. T. Jenkins
SPATH, LEVON Simbron 3182, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America	1945	1954		Foreign Missionary
SPEHR, PAUL O., JR. Lutheran Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa	1943	1954		Foreign Missionary
SUTER, JAMES C. Hildreth, Nebr.	1937	1954	SW	St. Peter's Burton Vannier
SWINGLE, JACOB 2602 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebr.	1939	1954	C	Kountze Memorial
SWITZER, E. W. Wolbach, Nebr.	1944	1954	NE	Trinity Ted McInture
SYRE, R. R., STM. 1605 N. Keene, Fremont, Nebr.	1938	1954	NE	Central Lutheran Seminary
TONSING, ERNEST F. 434 Harrison St., Topeka, Kans.	1936	1954	SE	First Duane C. Skogen
TRAUB, W. H., D.D., LLD. 2602 Farnam St., Omaha Nebr.	1913	1954	C	Kountze Memorial Paul Palmquist
TRAWNEY, HENRY D. Sterling, Nebr.	1938	1954	C	St. John's John Rengstorf
TYSCHEN, THOMAS 623 W. Walnut, Sleepy Eye, Minn.	1909	1954		Retired
VAN BOENING, GRANT 2206 Van Buren, Great Bend, Kans.	1946	1954	SW	St. John's, Columbus, Nebr. Gerald Mueller
VOLKER, WILBUR G. 419 Pearl St., Wayne, Nebr.	1952	1954	NE	St. Paul's John Heinemann
VORDEMANN, K. Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	1910	1954	C	Retired
WAGNER, C. G. 804 East Arch St., Jerseyville, Ill.	1890	1954		Retired
WALTER, E., D.D. Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.	1898	1954	C	Retired
WEBERG, RUSSELL Hays, Kans.	1954	1954	SW	Trinity

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WEITZENKAMP, L. C. Leigh, Nebr.	1932	1954	NE	St. John's Peter Claussen
WELCHERT, HUGO H. F. Hooper, Nebr.	1938	1954	NE	St. Paul's William Pfeiffer
WELCHERT, WERNER E. P. 623 So. Madison St., Papillion, Nebr.	1943	1954	C	Trinity Christ Christiansen
WENDT, E. 9722 San Vincente St., South Gate, Calif.	1909	1954		Retired
WIEGMAN, PAUL C. Ponca, Nebr.	1940	1954	NE	Salem, Ponca, Nebr. Wm. H. Wendle
WIENCKE, GUSTAV, JR., Th.D. 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.	1938	1954		Bd. of Parish Education, U. L. C. A. Philadelphia, Pa.
WINGATE, ROY Schuyler, Nebr.	1953	1954	NE	St. John's Amiel Schmale
WOLFF, FREDERICK J. Hoisington, Kans.	1952	1954	SW	Emmanuel Alvin Schneider
WOLFF, LORIN J., STM. D.D. Lutheran Mission Monrovia, Liberia Africa	1934	1954		Missionary to Liberia, Africa
WOLFF, WALLACE J. Lutheran Courts, New Amsterdam 2, British Guiana, S. A.	1941	1954		Foreign Missionary
WOOD, E. G., D.D. Guntur District, Andhra, India	1929	1954		Foreign Missionary
YOUNG, ALFRED W., D.D. 4720 Randolph St., Lincoln, Nebr.	1926	1954	C	Superintendent Tabitha Home
ZAHLIS, W. O., STM. Ellis, Kansas	1906	1954		Retired
ZEIDLER, CLEMENS H. 4823 Douglas, Omaha, Nebr.	1939	1954		President of Synod
ZINGER, DON H. 4812 Marvin Rd., Kansas City 16, Mo.	1952	1954	SE	Bethlehem F. D. McClure

Minutes of the Organizing Convention

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

— Held In —

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri,

— JUNE 8, 1954 —

The opening service started at 10:00 A. M. with the Rev. Paul W. Dieckmann, D.D., President of Midland College, preaching on the 23rd Chapter, 7th verse of Proverbs, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

The Liturgists for the service were: the Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., Professor Emeritus, Central Theological Seminary, Pastor Harry Allen, pastor loci and the three presidents of the merging synods, the Rev. Lorin Wolff, D.D., the Rev. Theodore Schultz, DD., and the Rev. Willard Alexander.

Following the service, the convention picture was taken.

The afternoon sessions were opened with devotions led by the Convention Chaplain, the Rev. Lorin Wolff, D.D.

Agenda.

1. Election of Presiding Officer
   The Rev. Theodore Schultz, D.D. moved that Convention cast a unanimous ballot for the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D. as presiding officer; motion seconded and carried.

2. Election of Secretary of Convention
   Mr. Carl Olson moved that the Convention cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Howard Peterson; motion seconded and carried.

3. Declaration of Intention

   The Rev. A. H. Pinkall, D.D. presented the following Declaration of Intention, and moved its adoption:

   "Whereas the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, meeting in its sixty-fifth annual convention at Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 26 - 29, 1954; the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, meeting in its eighty-sixth annual convention at Salina, Kansas, on May 3 - 6, 1954; and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, meeting in its eighty-second annual convention at North Platte, Nebraska, on May 10 - 12,

1954, have resolved to merge into The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States and have severally adopted the proposed Constitution of the said proposed Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States as their own;

Whereas notice of a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on this eighth day of June, 1954, to consummate a merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America was given and published at the separate 1954 conventions of the said three synods, and

Whereas Lutheran ministers and congregations holding and confessing the doctrine of the unaltered Augsburg Confession are invited to join in the formation of the said Evangical Lutheran Synod in the Central States,

Now, therefore, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that we ordained ministers and accredited representatives of the member congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of The United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of The United Lutheran Church in America declare that we are now assembled for the purpose of forming the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States."
Seconded and carried.

4. Establishment of Roll of Convention

Secretaries of the three merging Synods presented the roll of pastors and congregations of their respective synods. These are to be found in the appendix of these minutes.

Motion: "Whereas the following has been customary procedure at the convention of the Kansas Synod that laymen on the Executive Committee be granted the courtesy of the floor, but not the right of ballot, the Kansas Synod recommends, and I now move, that the same procedure be followed at this convention and that members of the Executive Committees of the three merging Synods who are not delegates at this convention be granted the courtesy of the floor, but not the right of ballot, and that the same courtesy be extended to members of the Merger Committee, who are not delegates at this convention.
Seconded and carried.

5. Adoption of Order of Business

Mr. Herman Langholtz moved, and motion seconded, that the mimeographed agenda become the adopted order of business of the Synod. It was moved to amend the motion

by placing Item 13, Articles in Incorporation before Item 11, Election of President. Amendment seconded. Lost. Original motion carried.

6. Authorization and Appointment of Convention Committees
On behalf of the Joint Merger Committee, the Rev. Martin Schroeder, Sr., D.D. moved that chairman be authorized to appoint the following committees for this convention:

a. Auxiliaries
b. Chaplains
c. Elections
d. Finance and Budget
e. Incorporation
f. Nominations
g. Public Relations
h. Reference and Counsel
i. Registration and Credentials
j. Resolutions

I further move the chairman be given latitude to include in the personnel of these committees, at his discretion, not only pastors and official delegates present at this convention, but other members in good standing of congregations of the three merging synods."

The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D. appointed the following committees:

a. Auxiliaries:
The Rev. Aksel Larsen
Mrs. George Anderson
The Rev. Philip Biblehimer
Mr. Paul Buskirk
Mrs. A. B. C. Dubach
The Rev. H. J. Goede
Mrs. M. B. Simon
Mr. William Suhr
Mr. H. A. Zethren

b. Chaplains:
The Rev. Lorin Wolff

c. Elections:
Mr. Vern Webster
The Rev. Martin Ashley

d. Finance and Budget
Presidents & Treasurers of Synods
The Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt

e. Incorporation:
Mr. H. G. Wellensick
Mr. Wilford Riegle
Hon. W. G. Whitford

f. Nominations:
The Rev. A. B. Lentz, Chairman

g. Public Relations:
Mr. J. A. Reinemund, Chairman

h. Reference and Counsel:
Rev. W. W. Alexander

i. Registration and Credentials
Secretaries of merging synods
W. Welchert

j. Resolutions:
Mr. Elmer B. Sasse, Chairman

7. Presentation of Gavel

President W. W. Alexander, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, presented the historic gavel used by this Synod to presiding Chairman, Dr. F. C. Fry. The gavel was made from walnut wood from a pew from the oldest church building built west of the Missouri River at Valley Falls, Kansas. President Alexander asked that the gavel be used at this convention and in the

future by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States. President Dr. Franklin Clark Fry received the gavel and made appropriate remarks of acceptance.

8. Report of Joint Committee on Merger
It was moved by the Rev. H. G. Ritzen, and seconded, that the following report of the Joint Committee on Merger be received:
Seconded and carried.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

REPORT OF THE JOINT MERGER COMMITTEE

The vision of a single Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America in the states of the middle west has been held by far-sighted leaders of the Church for decades. From time to time suggestions were made for a merger of the three Synods which occupied the territory, the Kansas Synod. the Midwest Synod, and the Nebraska Synod. A decade or two ago, negotiations were actually under way for such a merger, which, however, came to no tangible result. The present effort, which we are now successfully concluding, had its time, too, when it almost "died a-borning". Five years of negotiation, eight meetings of the joint Merger Committee, numerous sub-committee meetings, thirteen conventions of the three Synods, not to mention untold hours of research, planning, and effort by individual members of the joint merger committee, were required to bring this present effort to its successful consumation. When one considers the pit-falls and problems and difficulties which were surmounted, one can not help but conclude that the guiding hand of Almighty God was present throughout the entire proceedings and that his blessed will has been revealed to us his servants.

This present Synodical Convention had its inception in a meeting of the Resolutions Committee of the Midwest Synod, which presented on the floor of the 1949 convention of that Synod the following resolution: "That Synod instruct its Executive Committee to prepare a plan for next years session to approach the idea of a gradual amalgamation of the three Synods on our territory, namely: The Nebraska, The Kansas, and The Midwest Synods." This was referred by the Midwest Synod to its Executive Committee, which, meeting with Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, U.L.C.A. representative, drafted the following resolution, which was adopted in Executive Session by the Midwest Synod: "That the Midwest Synod inform the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America of this Synod's present inclination to consider seriously a future merger with the Nebraska and Kansas Synods, and further that this Synod invite the Executive Board of the Church to begin an inquiry as to the feasibility and desirability of such a merger."

This resolution was, in turn, referred by the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A. to the Executive Committees of the Kansas and Ne-

braska Synods. Upon favorable action in their respective 1950 conventions, the Synods appointed representatives to a joint Merger Committee, which met for the first time in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 31 and June 1, 1950. At this meeting the many problems bearing on feasibility and desirability were explored. Upon the committee's decision that some type of merger was desirable, a list of obstacles to merger was prepared and discussed. Of these two were considered serious enough to merit further investigation. One was the feeling of the Midwest Synod that some provision should be made in the constitution of the proposed Synod restricting membership of pastors in secret societies; the other was the feeling in the Kansas Synod that the greatly increased area and the preponderance of congregations of the proposed Synod in the state of Nebraska would work a hardship on Kansas congregations. Steps were accordingly taken to determine sentiment on these matters

The Midwest Synod held a special convention on September 6, 1950, in Lincoln, Nebraska, at which it was determined that the Synod would ask for some restriction in the proposed constitution on membership by pastors in secret societies. Meanwhile, the membership of the Kansas Synod was polled by means of a questionaire, the results of which seemed to indicate that Kansas pastors and congregation did not look with favor upon a threeway merger, but would prefer an arrangement of two Synods with the Nebraska-Kansas state line as the boundary. This information was conveyed to the joint Merger Committee at its meeting on September 8, 1950. In view of these reports, the committee came to the conclusion that a three-Synod merger was not feasible at that time. However, it made provision for continued negotiations by adopting the following resolutions: "That this joint Merger Committee invite the three participating Synods to restudy at their 1951 conventions all questions relating to the proposed merger, including the two questions which have led to the judgment expressed above"; and: "That, if in the judgment of the chairman of this committee and the presidents of the three participating Synods, new actions on this subject by any of the three Synods at their 1951 conventions make a further meeting of this committee desirable, the chairman is instructed to call such a meeting."

In spite of the unfavorable conclusions of the joint-Merger Committee, all three of the Synods decided to continue the Merger Committee and to encourage the committee to seek to find some common ground upon which an eventual merger could be based. The committee met again on March 20, 1952, at which time it was determined to present the following resolutions to the three Synods at their 1952 conventions:

(1) That this Synod looks with favor in principle upon a merger of the Kansas, Midwest, and Nebraska Synods.

(2) (A) That the Executive Committee of this Synod be instructed to appoint a committee of five members to meet

jointly with similar committees of the other two Synods to draft a constitution for a merger Synod, this constiution to be submitted for action to the 1953 conventions of all three Synods.

(B) And further that this Synod, jointly with the other two synods, request the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America to appoint a representative to convene and advise with the joint committee.

(3) That this Synod agrees that the constitution of the merged Synod shall include the following section dealing with the membership of ministers in non-ecclesiastical organizations; to wit:

> "The Synod shall have the right to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation of its ministers with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church."

(4) That this Synod record its understanding that the following resolution on this same subject will be presented (preferably by the joint committee referred to above) at the first convention of the merged Synod; to wit:

> "The Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal organizations because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians."

The aforegoing resolutions were adopted by all three of the Synods at their respective conventions in 1952. Accordingly, a joint Merger Committee, consisting of five members from each of the Synods, was appointed. Dr. Fry, the president of the Church, was appointed by the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A. to be the convenor of the committee. He was chosen by the committee to act as its chairman. This committee carried out its work of writing the constitution for the proposed Synod at meetings held, November 17, 18, 1952, and February 16, 17, 1953, in Kansas City, Kansas, and on March 16, 17, 1953, in Omaha, Nebraska. At the second of these meetings the title "Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States" was chosen. In addition a number of subcommittee meetings, each dealing with various problems and phases of the constitution, were held. The finished product was approved at the March meeting and ordered printed. In this form it was presented to the three Synods at their respective conventions as an amendment by substitution to the constitutions of each to be acted on one year hence.

The final meeting of the joint Merger Committee was held in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 25, 1954. At this meeting final arrangements were made for the holding of the constituting convention of the Central States Synod, in the event all three Synods ap-

proved the Articles of Merger, thereby adopting the proposed constitution as their own. Physical arrangements for the holding of the convention in St. Mark's Church, Kansas City, Missouri, were made and an agenda drawn up for the merger convention. Convention committees were appointed and numerous responsibilities assigned to various individuals.

The favorable action of the three Synods on the merger is now a matter of history. The Midwest Synod, meeting at Messiah Church, Grand Island, Nebraska, April 26 - 28, 1954, in its 65th annual convention, approved the merger by a vote of 79 to 25. The Kansas Synod, at its 86th annual convention in St. John's Church, Salina, Kansas, May 3 - 5, approved the merger by a vote of 52 to 9. The Nebraska Synod approved by a vote of 62 to 28 at its 82nd annual convention in First Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebraska.

Today the pastors and lay delegates of the three merging Synods join together for the purpose of organizing the Central Synod to the glory of God and the more effective labor of His kingdom on earth. May His blessed will be done as together we take up his yoke and follow him.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. RITZEN
For the Merger Committee

9. Presentation of Organizing Resolution

The Rev. Hugo Welchert presented the following organizing resolution, and moved its adoption:

Whereas ordained ministers and delegates of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of The United Lutheran Church in America have gathered jointly in adjourned conventions of the said three synods at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, situated at 38th and Troost Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, this eighth day of June, 1954, for the purpose of forming a united Lutheran synod for ministers and congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America resident in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and the western half of the State of Missouri, in the main, and

Whereas other Lutheran ministers and congregations holding and confessing the doctrine of the unaltered Augsburg Confession are invited to join in the formation of the said Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States,

Now therefore be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that we ordained ministers and accredited delegates of con-

gregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of The United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of The United Lutheran Church in America do hereby form and constitute The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

Motion seconded and carried.

10. Recommendations of Committee of Reference and Counsel

a. Method of election of officers at this convention.

The Rev. Lorin Wolff, D.D. moved the following:
"Inasmuch as it is desirable for the sake or orderly and expeditious conduct of the business of this convention for the election of the first officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States to take place before the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the new Synod,

Resolved that the following rules, taken from the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for this Synod, apply to the election of the Officers of this Synod during the present Convention:

1. The President and Secretary shall be ministers.

2. The term of office of the President shall be five years; that of other Officers, one year.

3. No one shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the Synod after he has reached the age of sixty-eight.

4. The election shall be by ballot. In cases in which ministers only are eligible there shall be no prior nominations.

5. In the election of Officers the following rules shall obtain:

   On the first ballot, three-fourths of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

   The third ballot shall be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the third and succeeding ballots, a majority shall elect."

Motion seconded.

It was moved to amend by striking the words in Item 4 "in cases in which ministers only are eligible, there shall be no prior nominations." Seconded and lost. It was then

moved to amend the fourth item under No. 5 to read "following the third ballot, the name of the person receiving the smallest number of votes in each ballot shall be stricken from the list. Amendment seconded. Amendment lost.

Then it was moved to amend Item 5 by striking the words, "the third ballot shall be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and no vote cast for any other shall be counted." Seconded and carried. The motion, as amended, was carried.

b. President to serve as missionary superintendent.
The Rev. Alfred Young, D.D. moved that, until amended, or contrary action is taken, by a subsequent convention of this synod, the president shall serve also as missionary superintendent of the synod. Motion seconded and carried.

c. Assistant to President

The Rev. Alfred Young, D.D. moved

1. "That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States authorize the Executive Committee to elect, upon nomination by the President of the synod, a full-time Assistant to the President for a term expiring on November 1, 1959, and to set the salary for the incumbent of this office within the funds provided by the Synodical budget and prospectively available for this purpose;

2. That the duties of the Assistant to the President include special responsibilities in the fields of stewardship and evangelism under the direction of the President of the Synod and the Executive Committee; and

3. That the Assistant of the President be responsible to the President of the synod in the discharge of all other official duties.

Seconded and carried.

d. Roll of Conferences

Mr. Carl Olson moved the adoption of the report of the committee on the assignment of congregations and pastors to conferences as follows:

Motion seconded and carried.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	Location	Synod
Alliance	Nebr.	St. John United	City	Nb
Broadwater	Nebr.	Messiah	City	Nb
Chappell	Nebr.	Grace	City	Mw
Dalton	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb

Lodgepole	Nebr.	Immanuel	City	Mw
Gothenburg	Nebr.	Zion	RR	Mw
Gurley	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
North Platte	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Oshkosh	Nebr.	St. Mark	City	Nb
Paxton	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Potter	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Sidney	Nebr.	Holy Trinity	City	Nb
Sutherland	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Lewellen	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	Location	Synod
Allen	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Ames	Nebr.	Resurrection	City	Mw
Bloomfield	Nebr.	St. Mark	City	Mw
Columbus	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Mw
Columbus	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Mw
Columbus	Nebr.	United	City	Nb
Creston	Nebr.	St. Peter	City	Mw
Dakota City	Nebr.	Immanuel	City	Nb
Dakota City	Nebr.	Salem	RR	Nb
Emerson	Nebr.	St. Luke	City	Nb
Emerson	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Fontanelle	Nebr.	Salem	City	Mw
Fremont	Nebr.	Salem	City	Nb
Homer	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Nb
Hooper	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Hooper	Nebr.	St. Paul	RR	Mw
Hooper	Nebr.	Zion	City	Mw
Hubbard	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Leigh	Nebr.	St. John	City	Nb
Leigh	Nebr.	St. Paul	RR	Mw
Lindy	Nebr.	Good Shepherd	City	Mw
Madison	Nebr.	Immanuel	City	Mw
Niobrara	Nebr.	Niobrara	City	Mw
Norfolk	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
North Bend	Nebr.	St. Matthew	RR	Mw
Pender	Nebr.	St. Mark	City	Mw
Pender	Nebr.	St. Peter	RR	Mw
Pierce	Nebr.	Christ	City	Mw
Pilger	Nebr.	St. Peter	City	Mw
Platte Center	Nebr.	Zion	RR	Mw
Ponca	Nebr.	Salem	City	Nb
Schuyler	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
Scribner	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Mw
Scribner	Nebr.	St. John Ridgeley	RR	Mw
Scribner	Nebr.	United	City	Nb
Snyder	Nebr.	Immanuel	City	Nb
South Souix City	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Spencer	Nebr.	United	City	Nb
Stanton	Nebr.	St. Luke	City	Mw

Tekamah	Nebr.	Emmanuel	City	Nb
Uehling	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Vacoma	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Nb
Wayne	Nebr.	Redeemer	City	Mw
West Point	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Wisner	Nebr.	Christ	City	Mw
Wolbach	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Winside	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Mw

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	Location	Synod
Auburn	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Mw
Auburn	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Nb
Benedict	Nebr.	Zion	City	Nb
Bellevue	Nebr.	Immanuel	City	Nb
Bennington	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
Eagle	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Falls City	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Nb
Falls City	Nebr.	St. Peter	RR	Mw
Gretna	Nebr.	Resurrection	City	Mw
Hampton	Nebr.	Emmanuel	City	Nb
Johnson	Nebr.	St. Matthew	City	Mw
Langdon	Mo.	St. Peter	RR	Ks
Lincoln	Nebr.	Friedens	City	Mw
Lincoln	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Lincoln	Nebr.	United	City	Mw
Lincoln	Nebr.	Zion	RR	Mw
Lincoln	Nebr.	Latvian	City	Nb
Louisville	Nebr.	Christ	RR	Mw
McCool Junction	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Nebraska City	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Northboro	Ia.	St. Paul	RR	Mw
Omaha	Nebr.	First English	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	Kountze Memorial	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	Luther Memorial	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	Our Redeemer	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	St. Luke	City	Nb
Omaha	Nebr.	St. Matthew	City	Nb
Otoe	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
Papillion	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Mw
Rockport	Mo.	First	City	Ks
Rising City	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Stella	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Sterling	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Mw
Syracuse	Nebr.	First	City	Mw
Verdon	Nebr.	St. Mark	RR	Nb
Westboro	Mo.	St. John	RR	Mw
Walton	Nebr.	Grace	City	Nb
Valley	Nebr.	St. Mark	City	Nb
York	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Yutan	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	Location	Synod
Abilene	Kan.	Trinity	City	Ks
Beatrice	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Beloit	Kan.	Zion	City	Ks
Blue Hill	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Bunkerhill	Kan.	Mt. Zion	City	Ks
Chapman	Kan.	Scherer Memorial	City	Ks
Davenport	Nebr.	Christ	City	Nb
Diller	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Ellis	Kan.	Christ	City	Mw
Glasco	Kan.	St. Paul	City	Ks
Glenvil	Nebr.	St. Paul	RR	Mw
Grand Island	Nebr.	Messiah	City	Mw
Grand Island	Nebr.	St. Paul English	City	Nb
Great Bend	Kan.	St. Mark	City	Mw
Greenleaf	Kan.	Trinity	City	Ks
Hanover	Kan.	Zion	City	Mw
Hardy	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Nb
Hastings	Nebr.	Emmanuel	RR	Mw
Hastings	Nebr.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Hastings	Nebr.	First St. Paul	City	Mw
Hays	Kan.	Trinity	City	Ks
Hildreth	Nebr.	St. Peter	City	Mw
Hoisington	Kan.	Emmanuel	City	Mw
Hollenberg	Kan.	Zion	RR	Mw
Heme	Kan.	Friedens	City	Mw
Hutchinson	Kan.	Zion	City	Ks
Lanham	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
Linn	Kan.	St. Paul	City	Mw
Marysville	Kan.	First	RR	Ks
Mentor	Kan.	St. Paul	RR	Ks
New Cambria	Kan.	Peace	City	Ks
Norcatur	Kan.	St. Mark	City	Ks
Ohiowa	Nebr.	St. John	RR	Mw
Ohiowa	Nebr.	St. John	City	Mw
Peabody	Kan.	St. Paul	City	Ks
Perth	Kan.	St. James	City	Ks
Russell	Kan.	St. John	City	Mw
Russell	Kan.	Trinity	RR	Mw
Salina	Kan.	St. John	City	Ks
Stamford	Nebr.	Trinity	City	Nb
Sutton	Nebr.	Zion	City	Mw
Wakeeney	Kan.	Bethlehem	City	Ks
Wakeeney	Kan.	Zion	RR	Mw
Washington	Kan.	Good Shepherd	City	Ks
Washington	Kan.	Zion	RR	Mw
Washington	Kan.	St. Paul	RR	Ks
Waterville	Kan.	St. Mark	City	Ks
Wellington	Kan.	St. John	City	Ks
Wichita	Kan.	Reformation	City	Ks
Wichita	Kan.	St. Paul	City	Ks
Wilbur	Nebr.	First	City	Nb
Wilson	Kan.	Excelsior	RR	Ks

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	Location	Synod
Atchison	Kan.	St. Mark	City	Ks
Bendena	Kan.	St. John	City	Ks
Cole Camp	Mo.	United	City	Ks
Darrouzett	Texas	St. Paul	RR	Mw
Emporia	Kan.	St. Mark	City	Ks
Eureka	Kan.	Christ	City	Ks
Kansas City	Kan.	Trinity	City	Ks
Kansas City	Mo.	Bethlehem United	City	Ks
Kansas City	Mo.	Children's Memorial	City	Ks
Kansas City	Mo.	St. Mark	City	Ks
Lancaster	Kan.	St. John	City	Ks
Lawrence	Kan.	Trinity	City	Ks
Lipscomb	Texas	St. John	City	Mw
Oklahoma City	Okla.	First	City	Mw
Perry	Okla.	Zion	RR	Mw
Prairie Village	Kan.	Faith	City	Ks
Stillwater	Okla.	Salem	City	Mw
Sedalia	Mo.	Trinity	City	Ks
St. Joseph	Mo.	First English	City	Ks
Sunrise Beach	Mo.	Kent Memorial	RR	Ks
Topeka	Kan.	First	City	Ks
Tulsa	Okla.	First	City	Ks
Valley Falls	Kan.	St. Paul	City	Ks

e. Convenors of Conferences

Mr. Paul C. Buskirk moved that the following act as convenors of the conferences for this convention:

Northeast Conference	Elmer Sasse
Northwest Conference	Marius Christensen
Southwest Conference	Dale Koegeboehn
Central Conference	J. A. Reinemund
Southeast Conference	A. D. Fennell

11. Election of President
Ballot No. 1 was opened for the election of President. Ballot closed. Bounds of Synod was set at 20 rows back.

12. Greetings from Merging Synods, including filing of Certification of Action on Merger.
The presidents of the three merging synods each brought greetings and presented official certification of action on merger by their synod. Copy in appendix. (The Kansas Synod presented the communion ware used in the morning service as a gift by the Synod, and also presented the Bishop's Cross, worn by their president, as a gift to the new synod.)

The Rev. W. W. Alexander, President of the Kansas Synod, was authorized by the Kansas Synod to present to the Presiding Chairman, Dr. F. C. Fry, at the Merger Convention to be held at Kansas City, Missouri, June 8 and 9, the following articles of historical value to be retained and used by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

1. A gavel made from walnut wood from an original pew of the first Lutheran Church built by the General Synod west of the Missouri River. The church was built by the Rev. Josiah B. McAfee on June 7, 1857. The frame church is located at Valley Falls, Kansas, and at the present is owned by the AME Church. (See "A History of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas (Gen. Synod)" by Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D.) The gavel to be used at this convention and future conventions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

2. A pectral cross, patterned after the Bishop of Mecklenburg's Cross. The cross has been used by the Presidents of the Kansas Synod. The past Presidents have received a duplicate cross representing the fact that they have served in this office. The original cross is to be retained and used by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States as a representative symbol of the Offict of the President; and to be worn by the President as long as he holds this office. The pectral cross has the following symbols engraved upon it: 1. The top upright trifoil, the open hand of God out of the cloud; the person of God. 2. The right cross arm trifoil, the lamb of

God resting on the Word; the person of Christ. 3. The left cross arm trifoil, the descending Dove; the person of Holy Spirit. 4. The lower trifoil of the upright, the open Bible, the Word. Engraved in the center is the cross with the Chi Rho, representing Christ the center and heart of the Church.

3. The silver communion ware, chalice flagon, and paten dating 1872, and formerly the communion ware of the Bunkerhill, Kansas congregation (now disbanded). The communion ware to be retained and used by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States for synodical conventions.

The Presiding Chairman Dr. F. C. Fry, received these historic articles in the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States and made appropriate remarks of appreciation to the former Kansas Synod for these gifts to the new Synod.

13. Articles of Incorporation

"To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States: Your committee on incorporation submits the following report:

1. That a meeting of the incorporators of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States was held at 436 Brandeis Theatre Building in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, on June 2, 1954, at 2:30 P. M., as provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska.

2. That Articles of Incorporation were adopted at said meeting.

3. That a copy of the waiver of notice and the minutes of said meeting, in which said Articles of Incorporation are set forth, are hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Signed this 2nd day of June, A.D., 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. WELLENSIEK, Chairman
W. G. WHITFORD
WILFORD RIEGLE

Members of the Committee on Incorporation

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF INCORPORATORS

We, the undersigned, being all of the incorporators of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, do hereby waive notice of the time, place and purpose of the first meeting of the incorporators of said corporation, and we do hereby fix the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1954, at 2:30 P. M., as the time, and 436 Brandeis Theatre Building in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, as the place of the first meeting of said incorporators.

And we do hereby waive all the requirements of the statutes of the State of Nebraska, both as to the notice of this meeting and the publication thereof, and consent to the transaction of any and all business as may come before the meeting.

Signed this 2nd day of June, A. D., 1954, in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

PAUL H. PALMQUIST
RICHARD L. JOBMAN
THEODORE J. C. SCHULDT
W. G. WHITFORD
ROBERT A. NELSON
H. G. WELLENSIEK

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF INCORPORATORS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES OF OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

The first meeting of the incorporators of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States was held on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1954, at 2:30 P. M. at 436 Brandeis Theatre Building, in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

The following incorporators were present: Paul H. Palmquist, Richard L. Jobman, Theodore J. C. Schuldt, W. G. Whitford, Robert A. Nelson, H. G. Wellensiek.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried Paul H. Palmquist was elected chairman and H. G. Wellensiek clerk of the meeting.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the following Articles of Incorporation were adopted, towit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States", and its principal office shall be in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II.

The resident agent of the corporation shall be the President, and his address is Omaha, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose and object of the corporation shall be:

(1) The supervision and discipline of its constituent congregations and members in conformity with its Constitution.

(2) To receive, own, possess, hold, sell, mortgage and convey property, both real and personal, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, and to receive property of all kinds by purchase, devise, bequests, gifts, or otherwise, and for such further purposes or objects as set forth in its Constitution.

(3) To transact all secular business and manage all temporal affairs of the corporation.

(4) To make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws not inconsistent with its Article of Incorporation, or the laws of the United States, or this State, or any other state in which it does business.

(5) To have a corporate seal.

(6) To transact any other business whatsoever incident to the advancement of the objects and purposes of the corporation and provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

The membership of the corporation, the voting membership thereof and the succession of membership and voting membership shall be as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod.

ARTICLE V.

All vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Synod, unless otherwise provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

The corporation shall begin on the 2nd day of June, 1954, and shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VII.

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by the Officers and the Executive Committee of the Synod who shall be elected as provided in its Constitution and By-Laws. The President and secretary of the Synod shall be the President and Clerk, respectively, of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Corporation shall have authority to execute a deed of conveyance or encumbrance when authorizeed by resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Synod.

All deeds, mortages, instruments of indebtedness, leases or contracts affecting the real estate owned by the corporation shall be executed by the President, attested by the Secretary, and have affixed thereto the seal of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by two-thirds vote at any regular or special convention of the Synod, notice of the proposed amendments shall be given sixty (60) days before such meeting as provided in the By-Laws of the Synod.

H. G. WELLENSIEK, Clerk

13. Resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States approve the report of the committee on incorporation and authorize and request H. G. Wellensiek, W. G. Whitford and Wilford Riegle, any or all of them, and others designated by them, to execute and file these Articles of Incorporation of this Synod with the proper office, or offices, of the State of Nebraska.

Motion carried.

The report of the tellers on the first ballot for President showed 246 votes cast, 5 illegal votes, (190 required for election.) No election.

A motion was made to request the chair to give factual information on all who have 5 or more votes, motion seconded and carried. Information given.

A motion that the election committee be requested to write all the names on the blackboard was made. Seconded. Motion lost. The chair opened the second ballot for President. Ballot closed.

It was moved, and seconded, that the officers of Synod shall be a President, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected at regular convention of Synod, and shall be at the time of their election, members of a congregation of this Synod.

14 - 15. The chair requested the unanimous consent to pass the election of Secretary and Treasurer until after the election of President.

16. Constitution and By-Laws

The Rev. H. G. Ritzen presented the constitution and by-laws article by article. Proposed amendment to Article

One, Section III of Constitution.

It was moved to add a new pargraph 1 as follows:

1. The original membership of this Synod shall consist of of the ordained ministers and congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of The United Lutheran Church in America which have merged into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

And amend the present paragraph 1 to read:

2. Additional ordained ministers and congregations in unity with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II shall be received into membership as hereinafter provided.

Motion seconded and carried.

It was moved to amend Article One, Section 4, Number 2, by striking out the words "the promotion of" and inserting the words "witness to" so that the past phrase in paragraph 2 shall read, "and witness to the Kingdom of God." Motion seconded. Carried.

11. Election of President.

Report on second ballot by election committee showed 240 votes cast, 1 illegal, (160 to elect). No election.
It was moved to write the names of the top five candidates on the blackboard Motion seconded and carried.
The chair opened the convention for the third ballot for President. Ballot closed.

The chair recognized the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing. Mr. Tonsing moved:

1. That the installation of officers be postponed until after the elections of President, Secretary and Treasurer are completed; and
2. That the convention be reconvened immediately following the Service of Thanksgiving this evening, for the purpose of continuing the Election of Officers.
3. And further, that the Convention continue with the order of business designated originally for consideration at the morning session June 9; namely, those numbered 2 through 6, inclusive, until conclusion of election of officers of the Synod.

Second and carried.

17. Closing Prayer by Chaplain

The session was closed by a prayer by the Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. PETERSON,
Secretary

Minutes of the Evening Session

OF THE ORGANIZING CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

— JUNE 8, 1954 —

The meeting opened with a worship service high lighted by an address by the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America. His subject was "The Four Paradoxes of the Lutheran Church". Another high light of the evening was the sixty voice massed choir of the U.L.C.A. churches in Kansas City under the direction of Mrs. George P. Williams.

The business meeting was called to order following this service.

REPORT OF TELLERS. Tellers reported 242 votes cast on the third ballot for president. The Rev. C. H. Zeidler having received 129 votes was declared elected as president for a term of five years. The Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt received 94 votes, the Rev. E. F. Tonsing 12 votes, the Rev. A. W. Young 4 votes and Pastors P. Wiegman and G. Gieschen one each.

FIRST BALLOT FOR SECRETARY. The first ballot for secretary was declared open with any pastor eligible to serve. The Ballot was closed.

CONSTITUTION (contiuned). The Rev. Ritzen continued the reading of the Constitution, starting with Article Three, section II. Reading continued through Article Nine without amendment from the floor.

AMENDMENT SUGGESTED BY NEBRASKA SYNOD. It was moved and seconded to amend Article Ten, paragraph 4,: (1) by striking the comma following the words "He shall bury the dead" and inserting a period; (2) by inserting the words "He shall" before the words "install regularly elected members of the council, and, with the council, administer discipline"; (3) by striking the words "and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ" and inserting the words "together with its work of Evangelism" causing the whole sentence to read" He shall supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation together with its work of Evangelism in the community, in the homeland and abroad."

REPORT OF TELLERS: Tellers reported 178 votes cast on the first ballot for secretary. No one having received 135 votes or more, there was no election. The chair opened the second ballot for secretary. The Ballot was closed.

CONSTITUTION (Continued). Reading of the constitution was completed. (The Constitution is published as a supplement.)

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED: The Rev. H. G. Ritzen moved that this synod adopt as its constitution the constitution heretofore adopted by Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America and now presented and proposed in slightly amended form by the Joint Committee on Merger for adoption by this synod. The same to become effective at once with exception of the following sections and paragraphs which shall go into effect on January 1, 1955: Article Three, section II, paragraph 1; section III, paragraph 1 the last sentence, section IV, paragraph 1; Article Four, paragraph 3; Article Five, paragraph 6, last sentence, paragraph 10.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

READING OF BY LAWS. The Rev. H. G. Ritzen started the reading of the By Laws section by section.

A new section III was presented as follows:

Section III

NOTICE

1. Notice of the time and place of all conventions shall be given by the secretary by mail, or by publication in the synodical paper, to each minister and each congregation of the synod. Such notice shall be given at least sixty days in advance for all regular conventions, and at least fifteen days in advance for all special conventions.

2. Notice of a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Synod shall be given by the secretary, by mailing to each minister and each congregation of the synod a copy of such proposed amendment at least sixty days in advance of the meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

REPORT OF TELLERS: Tellers reported 220 votes cast on the second ballot for secretary but no one having the necessary 147 votes. The Third ballot for secretary was opened. The Ballot was closed.

BY-LAWS (Continued). It was moved from the floor to amend new section XI, third sentence top of page 30, by striking "third" and substituting "fourth". Motion was seconded and carried..

It was moved to strike the word "second" in the next line and substitute "third". Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved to strike the last sentence of this section completely. Motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF TELLERS: The tellers reported 213 votes cast on the third ballot for secretary, votes as follows: The Rev. Alfred W.

Young, D.D. 158, The Rev. Enrest P. Tonsing 37, The Rev. H. G. Ritzen 7, The Rev. Werner Welchert 6, The Rev. A. B. J. Lentz, D.D. 2, The Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt 2 and the Rev. Hugo Welchert 1. The Rev. Alfred W. Young, D.D. having received the necessary majority was declared elected and asked to come forward. Pastor Young expressed his thanks to the convention.

NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER. Chairman A. B. J. Lentz of the Nominations Committee reported the following nominees for the office of treasurer: Carl Grothen, Paul Palmquist, Charles Stark. Mr. Elmer Sasse was nominated from the floor. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and ballot number one was cast for treasurer. Ballot was closed.

BY-LAWS (Continued). A motion was made to amend Section XIII of the Proposed By-Laws, page 31, second paragraph, line four, by substituting "Merrick" for "Hamilton", and line eight same paragraph add "Merrick" to precede "Hamilton". The motion was seconded and carried.

TELLERS REPORT: The tellers reported 199 votes cast for treasurer with no election.

A motion prevailed to limit the third ballot to two high men if there be no election on the second ballot.

Ballot for treasurer was opened and closed.

TELLERS REPORT: Tellers reported 183 votes cast on the second ballot for treasurer with Paul Palmquist and Carl Grothen having the highest number of votes. Third ballot was opened and closed.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

The convention chaplain closed the session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

June 9, 1954, 10:00 A. M.

The Rev. Lorin J. Wolff, D.D. conducted the devotional service.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry called the meeting to order.

The secretary, Mr. Howard Peterson read the minutes of Tuesday's sessions. Minutes were approved as read.

REPORT OF TELLERS: Tellers reported 166 votes cast on the third ballot for treasurer. Mr. Paul Palmquist, having received the necessary majority of votes, was declared elected as treasurer for one year.

Dr. Alfred J. Beil, president of the Iowa Synod brought greetings from that synod.

INCORPORATION: Senator Wilfred Riegle reported that steps had been taken to file the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The chair called for lists of uncompleted actions from the three merging synods.

Pastor H. J. Ritzen, Secretary of the Kansas Synod presented such a list which was ordered to be filed with the secretary of the Central States Synod.

Pastor Alfred W. Young, Secretary of the Nebraska Synod presented a list of committments which was ordered filed.

Pastor Werner Welchert, secretary of the Midwest Synod presented a list of committments which was ordered filed.

Following is a list of Committments and Obligations as filed with the secretary of Synod:

COMMITTMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES

June 1, 1954

The undersigned, the duly elected secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, certifies that the following commitments and obligations have been incurred by the said Synod, which said Synod recommends to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States be carried out in its behalf:

ORDINATIONS - The ordination of the Rev. Elvin Bumgarner, called to Valley Falls, Kansas, scheduled for June 27, 1954, at First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and of The Rev. Robert Schlichter, called as Mission Developer, Kansas City, Missouri, Mission, (South Area), scheduled for June 20, 1954, at First Church, Topeka, Kansas.

INSTALLATIONS - Installation of The Rev. Robert Kocher as Pastor of St. John's, Lancaster, Kansas was authorized to be made during June, 1954, date to be set.

SUMMER CAMPS - The following Lutheran Summer Camps are scheduled for the summer: Junior Camp, July 4 - 9; Family Camp, July 9 - 11; Intermediate - Senior Camp, August 22 - 27; Luther League Convention, August 27 - 29.

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA OPERATIONS - Operations of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, owned by the Kansas Synod, including rentals to other denominations and groups contracted for the 1954 season, salaries

of camp manager, assistant manager, cooks and other personnel, honoraria to chairman and treasurer of Camp Committee, etc.

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS - An extensive series of camp improvements was embarked on three or four years ago, which have been made over the past several years. Improvements authorized for the 1954 season are nearing completion and may be finished by the date of the Central States Convention.

PARISH EDUCATION CONFERENCE - The chairman and two members of the Parish Education Committee, who are scheduled to appear on the program of said Conference, have been authorized to attend the Parish Education Conference in Colorado this summer, their expenses to be paid by Synod.

PARISH EDUCATION ITINERARY - The Parish Education Committee has arranged for an itinerary of the Synod by the Rev. Harner Middleswarth, September 9 - 22.

DEACONESS ITINERARY - At is 86th Annual Convention, Synod adopted a recommendation of the Deaconess Secretary to authorize him to arrange for an itinerary of the Kansas Synod by a representative of the Deaconess Board.

"KANSAS SYNOD LUTHERAN" - Continuation of the "KANSAS SYNOD LUTHERAN" for June and July is planned. Since the paper is not published during August, this is probably the logical date to provide for its discontinuance.

HONORARIA - Honoraria for the secretary, treasurer, statistician, and editor of the "KANSAS SYNOD LUTHERAN" to be paid on October 1 on the basis of the annual honorarium of $75.00.

CAMP SUBSIDY FUND - The 84th Annual Convention of the Synod adopted a provision (see page 38, 1952 minutes) for a sliding scale schedule beginning in 1952 for setting aside from five to ten cents per capita from the contingency fund as a camp subsidy fund for the purpose of lowering camp fees to Lutheran Campers. Since this fund has built up faster than it was used, Synod authorized and the Executive Committee provided for the reduction of camp fees to Kansas Synod campers to $9.50 for the junior and intermediate-senior camps.

Earmarked funds for this purpose will remain after the 1954 camp season and should be used for this purpose.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITMENTS - The Home Missions Committee reports that it is committed to the following congregations and missions for the remainder of 1954 as shown below:

Greenleaf, Trinity, Salary Aid	$ 300.00
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity, Salary Aid	250.00
Ft. Smith, Ark., Debt Retirement	150.00

Ft. Smith, St. Luke's, Salary Aid	150.00
Wichita, Reformation, Car Allowance	150.00
Prairie Village, Faith, Car Allowance	150.00
Tulsa, Okla., Proposed Mission, Car Allowance	150.00
Tulsa, Okla., Proposed Mission, Telephone	50.00
Sunrise Beach, Mo., Kent Memorial, Car Allowance	150.00
Sunrise Beach, to insure payment of interest and principal on mortgages	350.00
Kansas City, Mo., Proposed Mission (South Area), Car Allowance	150.00
Kansas City, Mo., Rent Allowance	150.00
Kansas City, Mo., Moving Expenses for Mission Developer (Cir)	250.00
Kansas City, Mo., Advance for Salary, Car Allowance, Rent, (to be repaid by Board of American Missions, October 1, 1954)	750.00

The Home Missions Committee also reports that it is committed to the following congregations and missions for the assistance shown below in 1955:

Greenleaf, Trinity, Salary Aid	$ 600.00
Sedalia, Mo. Trinity, Salary Aid	500.00
Ft. Smith, Ark., St. Luke's, Debt Retirement	300.00
Ft. Smith, Ark., St. Luke's, Salary Aid	300.00
Wichita, Reformation, Car Allowance	300.00
Tulsa, Okla., Proposed Mission, Car Allowance	300.00
Tulsa, Okla., Proposed Mission, Telephone Allowance	100.00
Washington, Good Shepherd, Subsidy to bring $10.00 Club donation to $4,000.00 (Estimated)	500.00
Sunrise Beach, Mo., Kent Memorial, Car Allowance	300.00
Kansas City, Mo., Proposed Mission (South Area) Car Allowance	300.00
Kansas City, Mo., Rent Allowance	300.00
Reserve to insure payment of interest and principal of Sunrise Beach Mortgages	1,000.00
Prairie Village, Faith, Car Allowance	300.00

The Home Missions Committee also reports the following demand notes which it has issued on behalf of Kent Memorial Church. Sunrise Beach, Mo.:

Katherine M. Boersch, 5-9-51	(No interest)	$ 500.00
Dr. J. A. McCulloch, 5-16-51	(4%)	500.00
Elmer B. or Hilda Hovland, 5-21-51	(4%)	1,000.00
George F. Turner, 6-16-51	(4%)	1,000.00
Mrs. D. W. Lentz, 6-18-51	(4%)	500.00
Miss Bertha Schein, 6-28-51	(4%)	1,000.00
Rev. Calvin J. Naugle, 10-15-51	(4%)	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaither, 12-5-51	(4%)	200.00
A. P. Sanborn, 12-12-51	(4%)	500.00
Mrs. Irvin Lindscomb, 4-18-52	(4%)	1,000.00
Creala W. Naugle, 10-15-52	(4%)	500.00

The Home Missions Committee reports also the existence of the following notes:

Board of American Missions	(1%)	$5,625.00
Board of American Missions		10,000.00
Board of American Missions	(1%)	5,850.00
Board of American Missions	(2%)	725.00
Sedalia Investment Co.	(8%)	3,000.00
Frank Beets	(5%)	18,000.00

MORTGAGES AND INDEBTEDNESS ON HOME MISSION PROPERTIES: Certain mortgages and debts incurred by Synod in its Home Missions activities, a full statement concerning which will be furnished by the treasurer of Synod in his statement of assets and liabilities.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FOUNDATION AT KANSAS UNIVERSITY: At its 85th Annual Convention Synod adopted the following resolution (see page 42, 1953 Minutes); . . . "that, contingent of the approval of the other constituent units of the N.L.C. represented in Kansas, the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint two representatives from Kansas to the Lutheran Student Foundation of Kansas."

According to the report of the student secretary in the 1954 minutes, negotiations along this line are still continuing.

The undersigned has searched the minutes of the last four Conventions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States and believes this to be a complete report of the commitments and obligations of the said Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. RITZEN, Secretary

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

NEBRASKA SYNOD

UNCOMPLETED ACTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Foster L. Cress to serve on the Refugee Committee.
The Rev. C. M. Alexander to serve on Lutheran World Relief Food Appeal Committee.

HOME MISSIONS

Budget items provided for through Executive Committee and Home Missions Committee, as of December 31, 1954.
Home Missions Committee requested of 1954 Convention an allocation of $13,500.00 for 1955. This grant was approved. The Budget request is based on the salary aid in the

amount of $10,000.00; new work in Broken Bow, Nebraska, and Omaha, Nebraska in the amount of $3,500.00.
Transfer of title from Synod to Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lincoln. (In process).
Transfer of title from Synod to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Valley, Nebraska. (In process).
Clearance from Regional Home Missions Committee for fields in Broken Bow, Nebraska, and Omaha, Nebraska.

PARISH EDUCATION

Synodical Youth Camp - Provided for 1954
Midland Assembly - Provided for 1954
Regional Committee in Denver - Expenses for representative provided for June, 1954.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Grants in aid for 1954 - 1955 school year provided for.
Verification of new Pre-theological students and approval of students for seminary enrollment - incompleted action.

INSTALLATIONS OF PASTORS NOW CALLED: Provided for.

Carl Empson - Salem - Dakota City
Frederick Vailfs - First - Rising City
Milton Ecklund- St. Mark's Oshkosh
Grace - Lewellen

THEODORE J. C. SCHULDT, President
ALFRED W. YOUNG, Secretary

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE MIDWEST OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

LIST OF COMMITMENTS:

1. HOME MISSIONS BOARD

St. Mark's - Great Bend, Kansas, Salary Aid $33.33 per month, to be paid for June to the end of the year. Total $233.31.

Immanuel - Lodge Pole, Nebraska, Salary Aid $72.65 per month, to be paid for June to the end of the year. Total $508.55.

Good Shepherd - Bloomfield, Nebraska, and
Niobrara - Niobrara, Nebraska, (one parish), Car expenses $37.50 per month, to be paid for June to the end of the year. Total $262.50.

United - Lincoln, Nebraska, House rent $37.50 per month, to be paid for June to the end of the year. Total $262.50.

Salem - Stillwater, Oklahoma, A grant for building a new Church of 2,000.00, which included $1789.18 from Oklahoma lands sold and gifts from First Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
United - Lincoln, Nebraska, Existing loan to be repaid to Synod - $2,200.00.

2. **COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

A. Tentative obligations (liberal estimate for next school year).

Robert Hulse	$ 100.00	(Plus Approx. $100.00 for summer 1954)
Sammy Yankasammy	300.00	
Lawrence Fruhling	300.00	
Edward Amend	200.00	
Alex Wacker	200.00	
Paul Moeller	200.00	
Paul Konig	200.00	
Morris Niedenthal	200.00	
Daniel Breunsbach	300.00	
Paul Rowold	200.00	
August Homburg	300.00	
Total	$2,500.00	

B. To be repaid to Synod from:

Edwin Diekhoff - $350.00, Paid $80.00, Balance due $270.
Verle Harris - $540.00, Paid $180.00, Balance due $360.00

C. The Committee adopted the recommendation that Royce Jordan Scherf be received into Synodical membership pending his reception of a call and ordination.

3. Recommendations adopted at the 1954 Convention regarding grants of leave of absence:

To Rev. Earl Heuser a continued leave for graduate study.
To Rev. P. O. Andersen a continued leave in order to serve in Augustana Lutheran Congregation in Buffalo, Wyoming, with the understanding that Pastor Andersen seek admissio into the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Church.
To Rev. Fred Kern a leave of absence of one year, or until he receives a call.

To Rev. E. J. Moede a continued leave of absence for another year.

4. Consent was granted to the Board of Trustees of Midland College on their request to have "A Special Appeal for Midland College, each year on the Sunday nearest Luther's Birthday. The College to supply the literature and offering envelopes for this Sunday," with the consent of the local pastors. (Cf. Page 25, No. 3 of 1954 Convention Bulletin.)

5. Payment for printing and mailing the 1954 Convention Bulletins and Synodical Proceedings. A bid of $770.00 was received from the Enterprise Publishing Company, Blair, Nebraska, which does not include the cost of mailing or of preparing cuts for pictures.

6. REGARDING TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - TEA, SOUTH DAKOTA:

This congregation requested a transfer to the Dakota District of the ALC. The President of Synod was authorized to assist the congregation in the preparation for an orderly transfer. (Cf. pages 24, 25, 86, and 78, 1953 Synodical Proceedings.)

The president reported to the 1954 Convention the following: "In harmony with a resolution passed at our Last Convention, I have advised the Trinity Congregation in Tea of the action of Synod. The Secretary of the Congregation has informed me that steps have been taken, to effect the transfer of the congregation to the Dakota District of the American Lutheran Church in January, 1955. We suggest that proper authorization be given to the Executive Board to grant this congregation a transfer at the proper time." (Cf. page 15, 1954 Convention Bulletin).

7. PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE VISUAL-AUDIO LENDING LIBRARY

Recommendations which were adopted regarding annual membership fees, sustaining fees, and rental fees, etc., (Cf. page 102, 1951 Synodical Proceedings).

June 7, 1954.

LOREN JOHN WOLFF, President

WERNER P. WELCHERT, Secretary

Pastor Werner Welchert, secretary of the Midwest Synod presented the following for information:

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. The following recommendation of the Stewardship Committee was adopted: "That whereas, we believe that our congregations have grown sufficiently in the matter of giving to benevolent causes,

   We recommend that the practice of apportioning congregations for general benevolence be discontinued and that starting with 1956 we go on the Grace system of giving" (cf. page 1954 Convention Bulletin).

2. Books from the Synodical Archive loaned to Midland College and Central Seminary in 1950, have now been donated to these institutions.

3. It was traditional for the Synodical Treasurer to send $10.00 to each of the retired pastors and widows of pastors in synod, as a Christmas gift. (cf. page 26, item 11, 1954 Convention Bulletin).

4. The scholastic records of the Martin Luther Seminary given into the hands of the Secretary of Synod in 1945, are being given into the custody of Central Lutheran Seminary. (cf. page 57, 1945 Synodical Proceedings.)

5. Dr. A. B. J. Lentz was appointed agent for the sale of remaining copies of "Story of the Midwest Synod". (cf. page 36 No. 20, 1952 Synodical Proceedings.)

6. Recommendations regarding conditions under which mission churches supported by our Synod alone can receive aid were adopted in 1946. (cf. 70, 71, 1946 Synodical Proceedings.)

7. Synodical Relationship to the Lutheran Welfare Council of Nebraska was clarified in 1951. (cf. Pages 83, 84, 1951 Synodical Proceedings.)

8. A recommendation was adopted in 1949 to assume fair share of the cost of building of a student center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congregations were called upon to give $1.00 per confirmed member. (cf. Page 67, recommendation No. 2, 1949 Synodical Proceedings.) The goal for Synod was set at $11,300.00. (cf. Page 44, 1951 Synodical Proceedings.)

9. Home Mission Developments: (A) Valentine, Nebraska, approved for occupancy - writing for Mission Developer. (B) Ralston, to be resurveyed this summer by Board of American Missions. (C) Geneva, Friend, Fairmont, and Red Cloud, all in Nebraska requested for Survey.

LORIN JOHN WOLFF, President

WERNER P. WELCHERT, Secretary

RESOLUTION RE. UNCOMPLETED ACTIONS OF SYNODS, presented by Pastor Werner Welchert.

Resolved, that the foregoing uncompleted actions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, as listed and attested to by the presidents and secretaries of the respective synods, be referred for conscientious completion to the officers and/or Executive Committee of this synod in conformity with their several responsibilities and powers, granting to each of them only such administrative discretion as would have been exercised by the corresponding officer or committee of the synod which took the original action.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADMITTANCE TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, presented by Dr. Martin Schroeder.

Be is resolved and it is hereby resolved that this synod accept the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America with its doctrinal basis as set forth in Article II in the said Constitution,

And further be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the application of this Synod to be received into The United Lutheran Church in America, together with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Synod in the form in which it shall be adopted at this meeting of Synod, shall be made and presented to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America for its approval.

And further be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States apply to The United Lutheran Church in America for formal admission replacing The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Midwest of the United Lutheran Church in America, and The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of The United Lutheran Church in America on the roll of Constituent Synod of the said United Lutheran Church in America.

And further be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that this Synod request The United Lutheran Church in America to enter the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States in the chronological list of Constituent Synods as having its beginnings on November 5, 1868, the date of the organization of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States.

And further be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the President and Secretary of this Synod be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the Synod and present a written application to The United Lutheran Church in America and to do such acts and things as may be necessary to carry out this resolution.

Dr. Martin Schroeder moved the adoption of the resolution. It was seconded and carried by a rising vote.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT CLEMENS H. ZEIDLER. Dr. F. C. Fry introduced to Synod the newly elected president. President Zeidler responded by addressing Synod for a short time.

INTRODUCTION OF TREASURER. Mr. Paul Palmquist was introduced to Synod having been elected as Treasurer.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AFFILIATION WITH FRATERNAL ORDERS.

Pastor Alfred W. Young presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolved that the Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal organizations because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians.

The motion was seconded.

Motion to Amend: Dr. Lorin J. Wolff moved to amend the motion so that the resolution would read: "That Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal orders with religious ritual because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians." Pastor A. B. J. Lentz seconded the motion.

The motion to amend was seconded and carried.

The original motion was before the convention.

Motion to Amend was made: To amend by striking the period after "Christians", adding a comma and the words, "the definition of the phrase "religious ritual" to be left to the conscience and determination of each individual pastor."

The motion to amend was seconded and carried.

A motion to adopt the Resolution as amended was seconded and carried.

DOMESTICATION OF CORPORATION. Mr. Herman Langholz moved the adoption of a Resolution Empowering the Executive Committee to arrange for Domestication of the Corporation in other states:

I move that, in accordance with the resolution adopted by all three merging synods at their 1953 convention, the Executive Committee be empowered and instructed to proceed promptly to domesticate the corporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States in every state which is wholly or in part within the territory of the Synod.

The motion was seconded and carried.

PROCURING HEADQUARTERS. Pastor Arthur H. Pinkall moved the adoption of a resolution empowering the Executive Committee to procure headquarters.

I move that the Executive Committee be empowered and instructed to lease or otherwise procure suitable headquarters for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States in the city

of Omaha, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of this Synod.

INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS. It was moved by Pastor Ernest F. Tonsing that the Executive Committee be authorized to make interim arrangements with the newly elected president of synod regarding the full assumption of duties and compensation as seems mutually agreeable.

The motion was seconded and carried.

DELEGATES to U L C A CONVENTION. Pastor Willard W. Alexander presented the following motion regarding the election of delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention in Toronto, October 6 - 13, 1954.

Moved that the secretary of the convention cast the ballot of Synod for the following nominees of the merging synod as delegates and alternate delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States to the 1954 convention of The United Lutheran Church in America:

KANSAS	MIDWEST	NEBRASKA
Clergy:	**Clergy:**	**Clergy:**
W. W. Alexander	Martin Schroeder, Sr.	T. J. C. Schuldt
E. F. Tonsing	Werner P. Welchert	A. W. Young
H. G. Ritzen	Martin G. Schroeder	J. N. Slice
Harry R. Allen	Paul de Freese	J. B. Rupley, Jr.
	Herman Goede	V. Jacobs
	Carl R. Goldenstein	R. E. Rangeler
Lay Delegates	**Lay Delegates**	**Lay Delegates**
Charles M. Stark	Elmer Sasse	Dr. Geo. Taylor
D. D. Fennell	Carl Grothen	Carl Olson
Dr. Chauncey Bly	Howard Peterson	Paul Palmquist
Clinton J. Muller	August Brei	H. A. Zethren
	William Suhr	Harry Bunge
	Herman Langholz	W. E. Zimmerman
Alternate Clergy	**Alternate Clergy**	**Alternate Clergy**
Calvin J. Naugle	Harlan A. Brei	Geo. Krebs
Wm. F. Most	E. C. Hansen	P. Wiegman
Martin C. Ashley	Theo. Althof	H. J. Goede
Raymond Johnson	Hugo H. F. Welchert	H. Dumler
	Louis de Freese	S. Jensen
	Paul G. Moessner	R. R. Pfeiffer
Alternate Lay Delegates	**Alternate Lay Delegates**	**Alternate Lay Delegates**
George P. Reichel	Paul Stromer	J. A. Reinemund
Paul C. Buskirk	Elmer Monk	John Lamberty
Austin P. Sanborn	Arthur Feye	Wm. Hasebrock
S. Dee Shepherd	Otto Weber	C. Kraft
	Clinton Von Seggern	Eldon Johnson
	Eugene Brack	John Langemacher

The motion that the secretary cast the ballot of synod for those nominated was seconded and carried. The secretary cast the ballot of synod for delegates and alternates as designated.

RE. ALTERNATE DELEGATES. A motion prevailed that the following rule shall obtain: "If an elected delegate is unable to serve, his replacement shall be drawn as far as possible from the list of alternate delegates nominated by the same predecessor synod in the order in which the names appear in the foregoing list. When this group of alternate delegates is exhausted, the Executive Committee and/or the President shall designate one of the other alternate delegates to fill the vacancy, and

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to provide the necessary funds to make it possible for the President of the Synod to attend the 1954 convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, if he is not a delegate to that convention.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT. The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Pastor A. B. J. Lentz.

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The following were recommended to be elected to the Board of Trustees of Midland College:

	Term Expires
President C. H. Zeidler, Ex-officio	
Mr. John Vogel, Lawrence, Kansas	1955
Rev. Ernest Tonsing, Topeka, Kansas	1956
Mr. A. Fennell, Kansas City, Missouri	1957
Rev. Aksel Larsen, Tulsa, Oklahoma	1957
Mr. Martin Koolen, Lincoln, Nebraska	1955
Mr. John Huske, Hastings, Nebraska	1955
Rev. Henry Knaub, Bloomfield, Nebraska	1956
Rev. C. R. Goldenstein, Columbus, Nebraska	1957
Rev. John B. Rupley, Sr., D.D., Dalton, Nebraska	1956
Mr. David Warner, South Sioux City, Nebraska	1956
Rev. A. H. Pinkall, D.D., Omaha, Nebraska	1957
Mr. G. D. Larsen, Potter, Nebraska	1957

A motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of Synod for the men nominated for election to the Midland College Board of Trustees. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to the Board of Trustees of Central Theological Seminary:

President C. H. Zeidler, Ex-officio	
Rev. George P. Krebs, West Point, Nebraska	1955
Rev. Harvey Clark, Grand Island, Nebraska	1957
Mr. Marius Christensen, Sidney, Nebraska	1956
Mr. Wm. F. Kentop, Falls City, Nebraska	1957

Mr. Clinton Von Seggern, Scribner, Nebraska 1955
Mr. Louis Mai, Russell, Kansas 1957
Rev. Paul Moessner, Hooper, Nebraska 1956
Rev. Wm. F. Most, Prairie Village, Kansas 1957
Mr. Austin Sanborn, Chapman, Kansas 1956

A motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of Synod for the men nominated for election to the Central Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to the Board of Directors of Tabitha Home:

Rev. L. H. Lesher, D.D., Lincoln, Nebraska 1955
Mr. Herman Wellensiek, Grand Island, Nebraska 1955
Dr. George P. Taylor, Sidney, Nebraska 1956
Rev. W. F. Nolte, D.D., Westboro, Missouri 1955
Rev. Karl H. Konig, Yutan, Nebraska 1956
Mr. Herman Langholz, Russell, Kansas 1956
Rev. Calvin Naugle, Kansas City, Missouri 1957
Mr. Lyman Adams, Waterville, Kansas 1957

A motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of Synod for the men nominated for election to the Tabitha Home Board of Directors. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to the Board of Directors of Nebraska Lutheran Social Service:

President C. H. Zeidler, Ex-officio
Rev. Alfred W. Young, D.D., Lincoln, Nebraska 1955
Mr. John Shaffer, Hooper, Nebraska 1955
Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, D.D., Fremont, Nebraska 1956
Rev. Philip Biblehimer, Gothenburg, Nebraska 1956
Rev. Samuel Jensen, South Sioux City, Nebraska 1957
Mr. David Snyder, Lincoln, Nebraska 1957
Rev. Gustav Huf, Omaha, Nebraska 1957

A motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of synod for those nominated for election to the Board of Directors of Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. The ballot was cast.

The following were nominated for membership on the Committee on Social Missions:

Rev. Raymond R. Peiffer, Scribner, Nebraska 1955
Judge W. G. Whitford, Madison, Nebraska 1956
Rev. Norman Schroeder, Lodge Pole, Nebraska 1956
Mr. John Flora, Gurley, Nebraska 1957
Rev. George Eller, Beloit, Kansas 1955
Mr. Herman Langholz, Russell, Kansas 1956
Rev. Robert Shirck, Bennington, Nebraska 1957
Mr. Dell Tyrell, Lincoln, Nebraska 1955
Rev. Fred Henkel, Tulsa, Oklahoma 1956
Mr. William Guenther, St. Joseph, Missouri 1957

There being no further nominations a motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of synod for those nominated for membership on the Committee on Social Missions. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to membership on Examining Committee:

Rev. Arthur Angesbach	1955	Rev. Herman Goede	1957
Rev. A. C. Baughman	1955	Rev. Walter Moeller	1957
Rev. G. Gieschen	1956	Rev. R. R. Syre	1957
Rev. Emil Goman	1956		

There being no further nominations, a motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of synod for those nominated for membership on the Examining Committee. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to membership on the Home Missions Committee:

Rev. Hugo Welchert	1955	Mr. Paul Buskirk	1957
Mr. Bernard Schafersman	1956	Rev. L. J. Lesher, D.D.	1955
Rev. John Rupley, Jr.	1957	Mr. Walter W. Kuenning	1956
Mr. Wilbur Quelle	1955	Rev. Reno Frobenius, D.D.	1957
Rev. Theodore Althof	1956	Mr. Lloyd Lewallen	1955

There being no further nominations, a motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of synod for those nominated for membership on the Home Missions Committee. The ballot was cast.

The following were recommended to be elected to membership on the Executive Committee:

Rev. F. H. Boldt, D.D.	1955	Mr. Howard Peterson	1957
Mr. Elmer Sasse	1956	Rev. Werner Welchert	1955
Rev. H. Monnich	1957	Mr. J. Adam Reinemund	1956
Mr. Robert Ramig	1955	Rev. W. W. Alexander	1957
Rev. H. G. Ritzen	1956	Dr. Chauncey Bly	1955

There being no further nomination, a motion prevailed that the secretary cast the ballot of Synod for those nominated for membership on the Executive Committee. The ballot was cast.

AUXILIARIES: The report of the Committee on Auxiliaries was presented by Pastor Aksel Larsen.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

The Committee on Auxiliaries met in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri on Monday, June 7 at 3:00 P. M.

The committee gave consideration to the following General Principles outlined by the United Lutheran Church in America and submits the following recommendations to the Synod:

"In the formation of Organizations for a more general character within the United Lutheran Church in America the following fundamental principles shall be observed:

"1. In the formation of general auxiliary organizations within the Church the form of organization shall be in harmony with that of the Church itself.

"2. Care shall be taken that the integrity of every constituent synod is maintained; hence the synodical organizations belonging to such general auxiliary bodies shall be territorially identical with the synods to which they belong or of which they are a part.

"3. It is a fundamental principle that every Synodical organization is primarily an organization of the synod and amenable to it, and can only unite with (or cooperate with) a general body by and with the consent of the synod of which it is an integral part.

"4. Nothing in the constitution of a general auxiliary organization whatever its name or character shall disregard the above stated principles or make demands or provisions which shall be in conflict with Synodical authority or which will do violence to rights guaranteed the constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church.

"5. In like manner nothing in the general Synodical or Congregational constitutions of such auxiliary bodies shall be introduced which will infringe on congregational rights or tend to divert the allegiance of its members from congregation or synod or from the institutions of such congregations or synods."

—Adopted by the United Lutheran Church in America at its Second Biennial Convention, October 19 - 27, 1920. Washington, D. C.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States recognize all existing auxiliaries (Brotherhood, Luther League, and Women's Missioanry Society) of the three predecessor synods as auxiliaries of the Synod for the period of one year or until a merger of the auxiliaries along Synodical and Conferencce lines has been effected by each.

2. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States express its desire that a merger be effected among the three Brotherhoods, among the three Luther Leagues, and among the three Women's Missionary Societies during the next twelve months under the guidance of the Synodical Executive Committee.

3. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States direct the Executive Committee to counsel with and encourage the auxiliaries in effecting mergers along Synodical and Conference lines and to approve constitutions for the resulting merged auxiliaries.

A motion prevailed that the recommendations be adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee arrive at a favorable solution regarding the existing Synodical Sunday School Associations and either the now existing associations be continued or enlarged territorially.

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET. The Report of the Committee on Budget was presented by Pastor T. J. C. Schuldt.

STANDARD BUDGET OUTLINE FOR SYNODS

	1954	1955
A. APPORTIONMENT - The United Lutheran Church in America	$218,390.00	$218,718.00
B. APPORTIONMENT - Synod	182,738.00	205,955.00
TOTAL APPORTIONMENT	$401,128.00	$424,673.00
1. Higher Education	$105,092.00	$112,051.00
Colleges	72,040.00	77,040.00
Seminaries	27,807.00	27,866.00
Ministerial Education	2,745.00	4,045.00
Student Work	2,500.00	3,100.00
2. Parish Education	1,245.00	1,245.00
General Supervision	150.00	150.00
Youth Work	595.00	595.00
Camp Programs, Sunday and Weekday School Programs	500.00	500.00
3. Home Missions	21,166.00	24,666.00
Supervision		
Cost of Developing New Missions		
Salary Aid		
Rents		
Financing Costs		
Grants		
4. Social Missions	15,065.00	14,665.00
Synodical Relief	400.00	400.00
Welfare NLSS (Chaplaincy)	2,100.00	1,000.00
Homes for Aged and Orphans	12,565.00	12,765.00
Hospitals		
5. Inter-Church Activities		
Support of:		
Inter-Synodical		
Inter-Lutheran		
Inter-Denominational		
6. Conventions	4,470.00	7,220.00
ULCA ($10 per diem, 11 days)	3,520.00	1,920.00
Synodical Conference	150.00	3,300.00
Printing Costs		
Minutes and Literature	800.00	2,000.00
7. Boards and Committees (cost of meetings)	2,900.00	6,000.00
Executive Committee	600.00	1,500.00

Stewardship Committee	300.00	500.00
Other Committees	2,000.00	4,000.00
8. Promotion	4,950.00	8,200.00
Synodical Publications	3,500.00	6,000.00
Projects carried on by Stewardship	1,200.00	2,000.00
Synodical Committees - Misc.	250.00	200.00
9. Executive Officers		
Salaries and Allowances	18,860.00	23,518.00
President's Salary	7,000.00	7,000.00
Ass't. to President Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00
Housing and Adjustments	1,750.00	1,750.00
Pension Contributions	740.00	1,268.00
Parsonage Expenses		
Travel Expenses	4,370.00	7,500.00
10. Office Expenses	6,990.00	7,290.00
Secretarial & Clerical Salaries	1,750.00	3,000.00
Lay Pension Plan - Social Security	140.00	340.00
Rent	1,000.00	2,000.00
Stationery & Office Supplies	1,000.00	750.00
Telephone and Telegraph	350.00	700.00
Postage	150.00	300.00
Printing		
Auditing		100.00
Insurance	100.00	200.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	
11. Contingencies	1,000.00	2,000.00
Moving Expenses	1,000.00	

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Executive Committee be instructed to compile a list of the assets and liabilities of the merging synods after the books of the separate synods are closed on October 1, 1954. Major assets of the merging synods include the following: Camp-Wa-Shun-Ga (Kansas Synod); residence 1812 D St., Lincoln (Midwest Synod); and certain church extension loans. It is expected that the current liabilities of the merging synods can be met out of remaining balances in the treasuries of the respective synods.

2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to establish the necessary bank accounts in the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

3. That the Treasurers of the merging synods and the various synodical committees continue to be responsible for the accounts of the several synods until October 1, 1954, at which time they shall turn over remaining balances to the Treasurer of the synods.

4. That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange for the audit of the accounts of the Treasurers of the merging synods and their various committees as of October 1, 1954.

5. That the offerings received during this convention be placed in the treasury of the new synod.

6. That the Thankofferings received in the congregations of the new synod on Sunday, June 13, 1954, be placed in the Treasury of the new synod. The committee suggests that these may be sent to the respective synodical treasurers or to the Treasurer of the new synods.

7. That the delegates from this synod to the 1954 convention of the U.L.C.A. each be given $10 per diem for 11 days.

8. a. That the salaries of the Executive Officers, as indicated in the proposed budgets for 1954 and 1955 be in addition to housing.

   b. That the Executive Committee be authorized to provide housing, or housing allowances, to the Executive Officers.

9. That the Synod in the Central States assume the combined quotas of the three synods for LWA for 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Budget

Recommendations Numbers I through 9 were adopted.

A motion prevailed to Amend Budget Section 9, Assistant to the President's Salary to read $5000.00 instead of $6000.00

A motion prevailed to adopt the budget as amended.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be empowered to make necessary adjustments in the budget.

MISSIONS TEN DOLLAR CLUB. Pastor Calvin Naugle presented the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Kansas Synod recommend to the Central States Synod the continuation of the Missions Ten Dollar Club, to be continued as a project of the Central States Synod for Home Mission Development.

A motion prevailed to adopt the above resolution.

TRUSTEESHIPS AND DIRECTORSHIPS: Mr. Howard Peterson presented the Report on Trusteeships and Directorships.

Four Lutheran institutions or agencies have accorded representation to the merging synod on their respective board of trustees or directors. These four institutions or agencies are: Central Lutheran

Theological Seminary, Midland College, Tabitha Home, and Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. The chairman of the Joint Merger Committee has addressed inquiries to all four, asking exactly what representation will be expected and desired from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States. Cordial replies have been received and are being herewith handed to the secretary of this convention to be placed among the official papers of this synod.

A summary of these replies indicates that the Synod in the Central States will be entitled to the following number of directors or trustees:

Central Theological Seminary: The President of Synod, ex-officio, and nine elected members.

Midland College: The President of Synod, ex-officio and twelve elected members.

Tabitha Home: eight elected members.

Nebraska Lutheran Social Service: The President of Synod, ex-officio and seven other members.

The Nominations Committee has been given this information and will be prepared to submit the appropriate number of nominations.

REGISTRATION: Pastor Werner Welchert presented the following report of the Committee on Registration:

KANSAS SYNOD

Pastors: 36 on the roll, 32 present.
Laymen: 44 Congregations, 32 Lay Delegates present.

MIDWEST SYNOD

Pastors: 95 on the roll, 56 present.
Laymen: 67 Congregations, 42 Lay Delegates present.
(75 Congregations including non-synodical)

NEBRASKA SYNOD

Pastors: 67 on the roll, 53 present.
Laymen: 60 Congregations, 31 Lay Delegates present.

TOTALS: Pastors: 201 on the roll, 141 present.

Laymen: 171 Congregations, 105 Lay Delegates present.
(179 Congregations with non synodical congregations)

TOTAL REGISTRATION: 246

H. G. RITZEN
A. W. YOUNG
W. P. WELCHERT

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Committee on Registration.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Pastor Moessner reported for the Committee on Public Relations:

Messrs Charles C. Hushaw and Richard T. Sutcliffe, Director and Associate Director of the United Lutheran Church in America's office of Public Relations, with such assistance as this committee was able to give them, covered the Convention in an excellent way. They secured good press notices, adequate and frequnt radio news stories and television interviews and reports. They also prepared news bulletins for the members of Synod to take home to their local papers.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Mr. Elmer Sasse presented the following report:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We present the following resolutions and move their adoption by Synod:

1. That we continue to express our unfailing thanks to God for the care and mercy imparted to us and especially for the divine guidance which has led us into this merged service.

2. That we express profound gratitude to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, and its Executive Board for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

3. (a) To the members of the Joint Merger Committee and all other individuals instrumental in bringing this new Synod into being, we express our heartfelt thanks.
(b) And that in particular we express appreciation to Mrs. E. B. Struxness for her part in designing the Seal of the new synod.

4. That we acknowledge with gratitude the service rendered by all who participated in our Spiritual Worship Services, including the inspiration afforded by the combined ULCA choirs of Kansas City.

   And that we further express appreciation to the ULCA Radio and Television Service, and the local newspapers, radio and television stations for their fine coverage of this convention.

5. That we express our deepest appreciation to the members of St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri and pastor Harry C. Allen for the gracious hospitality afforded together with the care of our bodily needs, and that Pastor

Allen be hereby instructed to convey this resolution to the members of said congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER B. SASSE, Chairman
A. C. BAUGHMAN
FRED H. STOTTS
A. L. ANGERSBACH
HARVEY CLARK
ROBERT E. RAMIG

A motion prevailed that resolutions be adopted seriatim.

All recommendations were adopted.

A motion prevailed that the reports of Conferences be handed to the Secretary and same be included in the minutes.

(Conference Officers are listed in Directory of Synod)

Pastor Ernest Tonsing presented the following resolution regarding representation on the Midland College Board of Trustees:

Be it Resolved, in the election of representatives of Synod to the Board of Trustees of Midland College, that the following shall apply after the present Convention of Synod:

1. That the total representation shall be six clergymen and six laymen, plus the President of Synod ex-officio; and further, that

2. The Conferences shall propose to the Executive Committee for nomination to Synod, one clergyman and one layman for vacancies on the Board incurred by completed terms of representatives on the Board, until each Conference is represented by one clergyman and one layman whose terms shall begin and terminate at the same time; and further that

3. When such above representation is finally secured, the conferences shall propose to the Executive Committee for nomination to Synod, one clergyman and one layman for vacancies on the Board incurred by completed terms of representatives of the Conference making the nominations; and further that

4. The remaining two Board representatives shall be elected at large by the Synod; and further, that

5. The terms of representatives to the Board shall be so arranged that two clergymen and two laymen shall be retired annually.

A motion prevailed that the above Resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for study and report at the next convention.

REFERENCE AND COUNSEL: Pastor Ernest Tonsing reported for the Committee on Reference and Counsel as follows: The Synod Merger Committee has acted as the Committee on Reference and Counsel, members of which have presented designated reports during this convention.

All assigned duties other than the above have been discharged to the best of our ability.

ERNEST TONSING, Chairman

INVITATIONS FOR 1955 CONVENTION. Invitations for the 1955 Convention of Synod were received from Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, through Pastor Jacob Swingle and from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls City through Pastor Ernest Messer.

A motion prevailed that the Synod express its appreciation for invitations extended and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be authorized to approve the minutes of Wednesday's session.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee make arrangements for the printing of the minutes of this Convention.

A motion to adjourn, was seconded and carried.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry officiated at the installation of the officers of Synod: President Clemens H. Zeidler, Treasurer, Mr. Paul Palmquist, and Secretary Alfred W. Young.

The Convention was closed with prayers by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry.

Respectfully Submitted,
HOWARD PETERSEN, Sec.
A. W. YOUNG, Sec. Protem.

APPENDIX
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES

Roll of Pastors and Congregations June 1, 1954

MINISTERS	ORDAINED	ENTERED SYNOD	CONGREGATION AND PARISH
Alexander, Willard W. Kansas City 2, Kansas	1935	1945	Trinity
Allen, Harry R. Kansas City 3, Missouri	1926	1951	St. Mark's
Angersbach, Arthur Eureka, Kansas	1928	1949	Christ

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MINISTERS	ORDAINED	ENTERED SYNOD	CONGREGATION AND PARISH
Ashley, Martin C. Waterville, Kansas	1949	1949	St. Mark's
Baird, H. Vance Fremont, Nebraska	1938	1943	Open to call
Barthel, Wayne B. Chapman, Kansas	1949	1949	Open to call
Bergstresser, Fuller, D. D. Abilene, Kansas	1894	1926	Trinity
Bernhardt, Harvey H. Washington, Kansas	1937	1951	Good Shepherd
Eller, George Beloit, Kansas	1935	1939	Zion
Ensrud, J. O., D.D. Alexandria, Virginia	1912	1926	U. S. Army (Retired)
Funk, David M. Sedalia, Missouri	1922	1953	Trinity
Frederick, Sherman E. Emporia, Kansas	1937	1947	St. Mark's
Freeberg, Arthur C. Omaha 9, Nebraska	1945	1945	Aug. Church
Frobenius, Reno R. St. Joseph, Missouri	1930	1943	First
Geissler, Max H. Peabody, Kansas	1931	1949	St. Paul's
Hansen, Clarence J. Rockport, Missouri	1945	1949	Rock Port-Langdon
Hirsch, Edwin J. Kansas City, Missouri	1933	1948	Open to call
Johnson, Raymond Sunrise Beach, Missouri	1941	1954	Kent Memorial
LaFontaine, Leo S. Fort Smith, Arkansas	1937	1950	St. Luke's
Larsen, Aksel C. Tulsa 15, Oklahoma	1936	1951	First
Lehman, Arno New Cambria, Kansas			New Cambria-Mentor
McCullloch, J. A., D. D. Kansas City, Missouri	1898	1921	Retired Pastor Emeritus
Mendenhall, George N. Sterling, Kansas	1908	1949	Retired
Miller, Arthur W. Wellington, Kansas	1953	1953	St. John's
Moeller, Walter H. Salina, Kansas	1931	1952	St. John's
Most, W. F. Prairie Village, Kansas	1931	1951	Faith
Naugle, Calvin J. Kansas City, Missouri	1938	1945	Children's Memorial

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Perry, T. Benton Wichita, Kansas	1926	1947	Open to call
Ritzen, H. G. Hutchinson, Kansas	1941	1947	Zion
Search, George L. Atchison, Kansas	1932	1931	St. Mark's
Schmidt, Arthur E. Cole Camp, Missouri	1927	1952	United
Shirck, J. Franklin Greenleaf, Kansas	1945	1944	Trinity-St. Paul's
Smith, Eugene Wichita, Kansas	1941	1947	Reformation
Tonsing, Ernest F. Topeka, Kansas	1936	1934	First
Tychsen, Thomas Sleepy Eye, Minnesota	1909	1949	Retired
Zinger, Don H. Kansas City, Missouri	1952	1952	Bethlehem

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE MIDWEST OF THE U.L.C.A.

Roll of Pastors and Congregations

Pastor's Name and Address	Time Of Ordination	Reception Into Synod	Congregation and Parish	Time Of Organization
1. P. Bieger Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebraska	1888	1903	Retired	
2. C. G. Wagner 804 Arch St. Jerseyville, Illinois	1890	1920	Retired	
3. F. Rabe, D. D. 2908 South 25th Lincoln, Nebraska	1892	1906	Retired	
4. William Harder Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebraska	1893	1894	Retired	
5. J. O. Krueger 6409 Logan Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1895	1923	Retired	
6. P. Rowoldt, Sr. 3210 Summit Blvd. Lincoln, Nebraska	1897	1917	Retired	

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7. E. Walter, D. D. Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebraska	1898	1896	Retired	
8. K. Klinger 54 S. Greenwood Ave. Pasadena, California	1898	1897	Retired	
9. M. Koolen, D. D. 1633 Van Dorn Lincoln, Nebraska	1900	1926	Retired	
10. O. Bergfelder 255 - 11th N. W. Waverly, Iowa	1902	1924	Retired	
11. M. A. Jensen Route 1 Hastings, Nebraska	1905	1905	Retired Emmanuel (Supply) Hastings, Nebraska	1906
12. H. L. Lenser Hanover, Kansas	1906	1906	Retired	
13. F. C. Schuldt, D. D. 340 West 5th Street Fremont, Nebraska	1906	1906	Retired	
14. J. M. Holzberger Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebraska	1906	1906	Retired	
15. J. N. Marxen Linn, Kansas	1906	1916	Retired St. Paul's (Supply) Linn, Kansas	1916
16. W. O. Zahlis, S. T. M. Ellis, Kansas	1906	1939	Retired	
17. E. Wendt 9722 San Vincente St. South Gate, California	1909	1912	Retired	
18. J. Schrader, D. D. Lipscomb, Texas	1909	1909	St. John's Lipscomb, Texas	1915
19. Chr. Rautenstrauss 6180 W. 40 Avenue Wheat Ridge, Colorado	1910	1909	Retired	
20. J. A. Bahnsen 506 New York Avenue Hastings, Nebraska	1910	1909	St. Paul's Hastings, Nebraska	1890
21. R. Moehring Wakeeney, Kansas	1910	1910	Zion's Wakeeney, Kansas	1905
22. K. Vordemann Tabitha Home Lincoln, Nebraska	1910	1921	Retired	
23. Fred Loeffler 316 E. Grant Fowler, Colorado	1913	1913	Retired	

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24. H. O. Rhode Darrouzett, Texas	1914	1914	St. Paul's Darrouzett, Texas	1919
25. T. G. Kuehner Tea, South Dakota	1915	1948	Trinity Tea, South Dakota	
26. M. Schroeder, Sr., A. M., D. D. Glenvil, Nebraska	1917	1916	Retired St. Paul's (Supply) Glenvil, Nebraska	1873
27. F. W. Nolte, Sr., D. D. Westboro, Missouri	1917	1917	St. John's Westboro, Missouri	1886
28. V. R. Pietzke 1500 W. 3rd St. Hastings, Nebraska	1917	1917	Retired	
29. E. C. Hansen, S. T. D. 2810 Sumner Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1919	1919	United Lutheran Fremont & 60th Sts. Lincoln, Nebraska	1916
30. Ch. (Maj.) Gustav F. Duhrkop O-502073 OS Repl. Sta. 6020th ASU Pers. Ctr., Camp Stoneman, California	1919	1919	U. S. Army Chaplain	
31. A. B. J. Lentz, D. D. Louisville, Nebraska	1919	1919	Christ's Louisville, Nebraska	1890
32. H. J. Diekhoff Pierce, Nebraska	1920	1920	Christ's Pierce, Nebraska	1903
33. E. J. Moede Gretna, Nebraska	1920	1943	Leave of Absence	
34. A. C. Baughman Fontanelle, Nebraska	1921	1949	Salem Fontanelle, Nebraska	1860
35. Herman Goede, D. D. 540 D. Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1922	1922	Frieden's Lincoln, Nebraska	1907
36. Paul C. Kuehner Diller, Nebraska	1923	1952	St. Paul's Diller, Nebraska	1889
37. C. H. Goede Auburn, Nebraska	1924	1924	St. John's * Auburn, Nebraska	1866
38. Karl Konig Yutan, Nebraska	1924	1924	St. John's Yutan, Nebraska	1901
39. Karl F. Hering Platte Center, Nebraska	1925	1952	Zion's * Platte Center, Nebraska	1883
40. H. M. Biedenweg Falls City, Nebraska	1926	1926	St. Peter's Falls City, Nebraska	1871
41. F. W. Henkel 5122 South Trenton Tulsa, Oklahoma	1926	1951	Mission Developer	

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42. Victor Moeller R. F. D. No. 3 Pender, Nebraska	1927	1927	St. Peter's R. F. D. No. 3 Pender, Nebraska	1888
43. J. Peil Ayr, Nebraska	1927	1927	Inactive	
44. R. M. Sauberzweig, Th. D. Otoe, Nebraska	1927	1938	St. John's Otoe, Nebraska	1901
45. William Goede Ellis, Kansas	1927	1942	Christ's Ellis, Kansas	1907
46. Ed. J. Amend, Th. D. Wisner, Nebraska	1927	1945	Christ's Wisner, Nebraska	1887
47. Fred Kern Stonewall, Texas	1927	1952	Leave of Absence	
48. Frederick Freytag Russell, Kansas	1928	1950	Trinity * Russell, Kansas	1878
49. Herman Joens Scribner, Nebraska	1930	1949	St. John's Scribner, Nebraska	1901
50. George Herber Gretna, Nebraska	1931	1931	Resurrection Gretna, Nebraska	1910
51. C. R. Goldenstein 2010 Ninth Street Columbus, Nebraska	1931	1931	Trinity Columbus, Nebraska	1928
52. Lorin J. Wolff, S. T. M., D. D., 1812 D Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1934	1934	Missionary to Liberia, Africa	
53. Alfred Duis 105 Duck Street Stillwater, Oklahoma	1934	1934	Salem Stillwater, Oklahoma	1911
			Zion's Perry, Oklahoma	1892
54. Henry Knaub Bloomfield, Nebraska	1935	1935	St. Mark's Bloomfield, Nebraska	1906
55. Warren F. Churchill Creston, Nebraska	1935	1935	St. Peter's Creston, Nebraska	1909
			St. Paul's Leigh, Nebraska	1881
56. Theodore Althof 505 Brooks Russell, Kansas	1936	1949	St. John's Russell, Kansas	1900
57. Arthur W. Huneke Lanham, Nebraska	1936	1948	St. John's Lanham, Nebraska	1885
			Zion (Supply) Diller, Nebraska	1910

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58. Louis H. de Freese 228 N. E. 16th St. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1936	1952	First Lutheran Oklahoma City, Okla.	1902
59. James C. Suter Hildreth, Nebraska	1937	1953	St. Peter's Hildreth, Nebraska	1901
60. Hugo H. F. Welchert Hooper, Nebraska	1938	1938	St. Paul's Hooper, Nebraska	1870
			St. Paul's Uehling, Nebraska	1879
61. R. R. Syre, S. T. M. 1605 N. Keene Fremont, Nebraska	1938	1944	Central Lutheran Seminary Fremont, Nebraska	
62. Gustav Wiencke, Jr., Th. D. 1228 Spruce Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1938	1938	Board of Parish Education U. L. C. A. Philadelphia, Pa.	
63. Henry D. Trawney Sterling, Nebraska	1938	1950	St. John's Sterling, Nebraska	1883
64. Richard Jobman Box 754 Norfolk, Nebraska	1940	1940	St. John's Norfolk, Nebraska	1902
			Immanuel (Supply) Madison, Nebraska	1902
65. Fred Ollendorf Northboro, Iowa	1940	1940	St. Paul's * Northboro, Iowa	1902
66. Paul H. G. Moessner, A. M. Hooper, Nebraska	1940	1940	Zion's Hooper, Nebraska	1887
67. Wallace J. Wolff Lutheran Courts New Amsterdam 2, British Guiana, S. A.	1941	1941	Foreign Missionary British Guiana	
68. Walter E. Rowoldt Pender, Nebraska	1942	1942	St. Mark's * Pender, Nebraska	1916
69. S. K. de Freese 421 Lincoln Street Wayne, Nebraska	1942	1943	Redeemer's Wayne, Nebraska	1889
70. Werner E. P. Welchert 623 South Madison St. Papillion, Nebraska	1943	1943	Trinity Papillion, Nebraska	1908
71. Paul O. Spehr, Jr. Lutheran Mission Monrovia, Liberia, Africa	1943	1943	Foreign Missionary Liberia, Africa	
72. H. B. Pearson Wahoo, Nebraska	1943	1945	Luther College Wahoo, Nebraska	

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73. Paul de Freese 511 North Burlington Hastings, Nebraska	1943	1950	First St. Paul's 5th & Burlington Ave. Hastings, Nebraska	1878
74. M. W. Peterson Winside, Nebraska	1944	1951	Trinity Winside, Nebraska	1901
75. Levon Spath Simbron 3182 Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America	1945	1945	Foreign Missionary Agrentina, So. America	
76. Waldorf Lau Blue Hill, Nebraska	1945	1948	St. Paul's Blue Hill, Nebraska	1898
77. Robert Shirck, S. T. M. Bennington, Nebraska	1945	1948	St. John's Bennington, Nebraska	1898
78. P. O. Anderson 858 N. Burritt Avenue Buffalo, Wyoming	1945	1949	Leave of Absence	
79. Grant Van Boening 2206 Van Buren (as of July 1, 1954) Great Bend, Kansas	1946	1950	St. John's Columbus, Nebraska	1881
80. Ralph Ritzen 1420 North Madison Fremont, Nebraska	1947	1947	Midland College Fremont, Nebraska	
81. Frederick Nolte, Jr., Route 6 Lincoln, Nebraska	1947	1947	Zion's * Route 6 Lincoln, Nebraska	1885
82. Norman Schroeder Lodgepole, Nebraska	1948	1948	Immanuel Lodgepole, Nebraska Grace Chappell, Nebraska	1920 1941
83. Paul Hansen 29th North St. Georgetown 8, British Guiana, So. America	1948	1948	Foreign Missionary British Guiana, S. A.	
84. Edwin P. Bastian Kutztown, Pennsylvania	1949	1949	Disabled	
85. Martin Schroeder, Jr. 120 W. 7th St. Grand Island, Nebraska	1949	1949	Messiah Grand Island, Nebraska	1883
86. Earl Heuser 2723 Cable Lincoln, Nebraska	1950	1950	Leave of Absence	
87. Philip C. Biblehimer Gothenburg, Nebraska	1951	1951	Zion's Gothenburg, Nebraska	1887
88. Louis L'heureux 22-3 Chrome Tokugawa Cho, Higashi Ku, Nagoya, Japan	1951	1951	Foreign Missionary Japan	

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89. Daniel C. Schroeder Emerson, Nebraska	1952	1952	St. Paul's Emerson, Nebraska	1886
90. Frederick J. Wolff Hoisington, Kansas	1952	1952	Emmanuel Hoisington, Kansas	1924
91. Karl Konig Sutton, Nebraska	1953	1953	Zion's Sutton, Nebraska	1896
92. Harlan A. Brei Scribner, Nebraska	1953	1953	St. John's (Ridgeway) Scribner, Nebraska	1874
			St. Matthew's Pleasant Valley, Nebr.	1891
93. Roy Wingate Schuyler, Nebraska	1953	1953	Resurrection Ames, Nebraska	1952
			St. John's Schuyler, Nebraska	1894
94. Modris Gulbis Niobrara, Nebraska	1953	1953	Niobrara Lutheran Niobrara, Nebraska	1896
			Good Shepherd Bloomfield, Nebraska	1942
95. Burnell W. Hartman Ohiowa, Nebraska	1952	1954	St. John's (town) Ohiowa, Nebraska	1890
(Has called Pastor Van Boening as of 7-1-54)			St. Mark's Great Bend, Kansas	1952
Vacant			Frieden's * Home, Kansas	1885
Vacant			Zion Hanover, Kansas	1875
(Has called Royce J. Scherf)			St. Peter's Pilger, Nebraska	1900
			St. Luke's Stanton, Nebraska	1905
Vacant			St. Matthew's * Johnson, Nebraska	1906
Supplied			First Lutheran Syracuse, Nebraska	1880
Vacant			St. John's (rural) Ohiowa, Nebraska	1887

LORIN JOHN WOLFF
President of Synod

WERNER P. WELCHERT
Secretary of Synod

June 7, 1954

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

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MINISTERS	ORDAINED	ENTERED SYNOD	CONGREGATION AND PARISH
Alexander, Clarence M. Emerson, Nebraska	1936	1951	Emerson, Nebr. St. Luke's
Boldt, Frederick D., D. D. 433 East Military Fremont, Nebraska	1928	1951	Fremont, Nebr. Salem
Clark, Harvey 2nd and Cedar Grand Island, Nebraska	1935	1947	Grand Island St. Paul's English
Cordts, H. C. Wilber, Nebraska	1926	1925	Wilber First
Cress, F. L. Walton, Nebraska	1928	1936	Walton-Trinity Eagle-Grace
Dieckmann, Paul W., S. T. M. D. D. Midland College Fremont, Nebraska	1932	1952	Midland College President
Dumler, Henry Davenport, Nebraska	1926	1925	Davenport, Nebraska Christ
Daubenspeck, W. N. Hq., MRTC Camp Pickett, Va.	1929	1929	U. S. Army Chaplain
Eklund, Milton A. Oshkosh, Nebraska	1954	1954	Oshkosh-St. Mark's Lewellen-Grace
Empson, Carl Dakota City, Nebraska	1924	1954	Dakota City Salem
Frederick, P. W. H., D. D. 1643 No. Colson Fremont, Nebraska	1900	1931	Retired
Gaston, Robert E. Eighth and Grant York, Nebraska	1936	1949	York-First McCool Junction First
Goede, Henry J. 1317 So. 26th St. Omaha, Nebraska	1930	1938	Omaha Grace
Gieschen, G. 1320 No. Monroe Fremont, Nebraska	1922	1953	Central Seminary Professor
Gigstad, Karl 2222 16th St. Columbus, Nebraska	1941	1940	Columbus, Nebr. United
Gomann, Emil., STD Gurley, Nebraska	1913	1951	Gurley, Nebr. Grace
Hamilton, Robert Glasco, Kansas	1954	1954	Glasco, Kansas St. Paul's

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MINISTERS	ORDAINED	ENTERED SYNOD	CONGREGATION AND PARISH
Hansen, Elvin S. Hardy, Nebraska		1954	Hardy, Nebr. St. Paul's
Hartwig, G. H. 2125 A Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1901	1941	Retired Professor Emeritus
Haut, Robert J. 2547 No 62nd St. Omaha 4, Nebraska	1952	1952	Omaha . First English
Henning, Wilfred H. Spencer, Nebraska	1945	1950	Spencer United
Heidenreich, W. C. Hampton, Nebraska	1906	1928	Hampton, Nebr. Emmanuel (Supply)
Hieronymus, W. P., Ph. D. Wagner College Staten Island, N. Y.	1921	1946	Professor Wagner College
Holz, Guillermo G. A. Kilometro 5 Eldorado Missiones Argentina, S. A.	1931	1931	Mission Field
Huf, Gustav K. 542 So. 58th St. Omaha, Nebraska	1924	1951	Omaha St. Matthew
Jacobs, Vernon 520 W. 12th Alliance, Nebraska	1950	1950	Alliance St. John's
Janson, Paul E. Tekamah, Nebraska	1952	1952	Tekamah Emmanuel
Jensen, Claudius E. 7103 Minne Lusa Ave. Omaha, Nebraska	1931	1952	Omaha, Nebr. Redeemer
Jensen, Samuel W. 221 E. 21st. So. Sioux City, Nebraska	1941	1950	So. Sioux City, Nebraska First
Jesifers, H. 2144 Washington Lincoln, Nebraska	1940	1952	Lincoln Latvian Evangelical
Juliffs, Frederick J. Rising City, Nebraska	1954	1954	Rising City First
Kahse, W. T., D. D. Box 103 Sidney, Nebraska	1905	1912	Retired Pastor Emeritus Trinity-Sidney
Kemper, Carl Fremont, Nebraska	1927	1951	Retired
Kocher, Robert Lancaster, Kansas	1954	1954	Lancaster, Kan. St. John's
Klink, W. A., D. D. Rising City, Nebraska	1917	1917	Retired

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Koch, Dennis K. 22 Sekiden Tanaka, Sakyo Ku Kyota, Japan	1952	1952	Missionary Japan
Krebs, George P. West Point, Nebraska 1940 Ponca, Nebr.	1934	1939	West Point, Nebraska Grace
Lesher, L. H., D. D. 2225 Washington Lincoln, Nebraska	1921	1938	Lincoln, Nebr. Grace
Lesher, Robert L. 2942 Franklin Street Bellevue, Nebraska	1952	1952	Bellevue, Nebr. Immanuel
Messer, J. E., STM 320 W. 20th St. Falls City, Nebraska	1932	1943	Falls City St. Paul's
Miller, J. C. Verdon, Nebraska	1915	1928	Retired
Monnich, Henry T. 1129 Tenth Avenue Sidney, Nebraska	1938	1948	Sidney, Nebr. Trinity
Mortensen, E. C. Broadwater, Nebraska	1920	1920	Broadwater, Nebraska Messiah
Mortensen, Loyal Valley, Nebraska	1953	1953	Valley, Nebr. St. Mark's
Mumm, Harry J., STM, Ph.D. 2770 Marin Avenue Berkeley, California	1944	1943	Berkeley, Calif. Professor Pacific Seminary
Nielsen, Leo R. 406 South 9th St. Nebraska, City, Nebraska	1934	1951	Nebraska City, Nebraska First
Pfeiffer, R .R. Scribner, Nebraska	1929	1943	Scribner-United Snyder- Emmanuel
Pinkall, A. H., D. D. 24th and I Streets Omaha, Nebraska	1930	1930	Omaha, Nebr. St. Luke's
Rangeler, Ralph L. P. O. Box 126 Beatrice, Nebraska	1919	1940	Beatrice, Nebr. Trinity-United
Rohfling, Ed. F. Homer, Nebraska	1935	1950	Homer-St. Paul Hubbard- Trinity
Rupley, J. B., Jr. 311 W. 5th St. North Platte, Nebraska	1942	1951	North Platte First

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Hansen, Elvin S. Hardy, Nebraska		1954	Hardy, Nebr. St. Paul's
Hartwig, G. H. 2125 A Street Lincoln, Nebraska	1901	1941	Retired Professor Emeritus
Haut, Robert J. 2547 No 62nd St. Omaha 4, Nebraska	1952	1952	Omaha . First English
Henning, Wilfred H. Spencer, Nebraska	1945	1950	Spencer United
Heidenreich, W. C. Hampton, Nebraska	1906	1928	Hampton, Nebr. Emmanuel (Supply)
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Nielsen, Leo R. 406 South 9th St. Nebraska, City, Nebraska	1934	1951	Nebraska City, Nebraska First
Pfeiffer, R .R. Scribner, Nebraska	1929	1943	Scribner-United Snyder- Emmanuel
Pinkall, A. H., D. D. 24th and I Streets Omaha, Nebraska	1930	1930	Omaha, Nebr. St. Luke's
Rangeler, Ralph L. P. O. Box 126 Beatrice, Nebraska	1919	1940	Beatrice, Nebr. Trinity-United
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Rupley, J. B., D. D. Dalton, Nebraska	1916	1941	Dalton, Nebr. Trinity
Rupley, Kendig 5211 Seward St. Omaha, Nebraska	1947	1946	Omaha Luther Memorial
Saas, W. H. Benedict, Nebraska	1925	1952	Benedict Zion
Schmitz, Conrad J. Board of Foreign Missions 231 Madison Ave., N. Y., N. Y.	1954	1954	Missionary
Schuldt, Theodore, J. C., D. D 549 West 9th St. Fremont, Nebraska	1936	1936	President of Synod
Simon, M. Blaine Allen, Nebraska	1937	1948	Allen First
Slice, John N., STM 2019 N. St. Auburn, Nebraska	1937	1951	Auburn, Nebr. St. Paul's
Swingle, Jacob 2602 Farnam Street Omaha, Nebraska	1939	1949	Omaha, Nebr. Kountze Memorial
Switzer, E. W. Wolbach, Nebraska	1944	1943	Wolbach, Nebr. Trinity
Traub, W. H., D. D., LL. D. 2602 Farnam Street Omaha, Nebraska	1913	1931	Omaha, Nebr. Kountze Memorial
Volker, Wilbur G. 419 Pearl Street Wayne, Nebraska	1952	1952	Wayne, Nebr. St. Paul's
Weitzenkamp, L. C. Leigh, Nebraska	1932	1953	Leigh, Nebraska St. John's
Wiegman, Paul C. Ponca, Nebraska	1940	1940	Ponca, Nebr. Salem
Wood, E. G., D. D. Guntur District Andhra, India	1929	1929	India Missionary
Young, Alfred W., D. D. 4720 Randolph Lincoln, Nebraska	1926	1944	Lincoln, Nebr. Tabitha Home Superintendent
Vacant			Dakota City, Nebraska Immanuel
Vacant			Hooper, Nebr. Grace
Vacant			Paxton, Nebr. Trinity

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Vacant			Potter, Nebr. First
Vacant			Stamford, Nebr. Trinity
Vacant			Stella, Nebr. Trinity
Vacant			Sutherland, Nebraska Grace
Vacant			Vacoma, Nebr. St. John's
Vacant			Verdon, Nebr. St. Mark's

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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	L.W.A. 1955	Appor't 1955
Atchison	Kans.	St. Mark	495	3630
Bendena	Kans.	St. John	179	1309
Cole Camp	Mo.	United	135	990
Darrouzett	Texas	St. Paul	116	847
Emporia	Kans.	St. Mark	288	2112
Eureka	Kans.	Christ	192	1408
Kansas City	Kans.	Trinity	330	2420
Kansas City	Mo.	Bethlehem Un.	257	1881
Kansas City	Mo.	Children's Me.	383	2805
Kansas City	Mo.	St. Mark	633	4631
Lancaster	Kans.	St. John	125	913
Lawrence	Kans.	Trinity	780	5720
Lipscomb	Texas	St. John	137	1001
Oklahoma City	Okla.	First	479	3641
Perry	Okla.	Zion	224	1639
Prairie Village	Kans.	Faith	294	2156
Stillwater	Okla.	Salem	155	1133
Sedalia	Mo.	Trinity	98	715
St. Joseph	Mo.	First English	845	6193
Sunrise Beach	Mo.	Kent Mem'l	51	374
Topeka	Kans.	First	375	2750
Tulsa	Okla.	First	515	3773
Valley Falls	Kans.	St. Paul	146	1067
Fort Smith	Ark.	St. Luke	126	924
Blue Ridge	Mo.	Trinity	108	792

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City	State	Church	L.W.A. 1955	Appor't 1955
Abilene	Kans.	Trinity	315	2310
Beatrice	Nebr.	Trinity	173	1265
Beloit	Kans.	Zion	354	2596
Blue Hill	Nebr.	St. Paul	305	2233
Bunker Hill	Kans.	Mt. Zion		
Chapman	Kans.	Scherer Mem'l	176	1287
Davenport	Nebr.	Christ	368	2695
Diller	Nebr.	St. Paul	265	1925
Ellis	Kans.	Christ	452	3311
Glasco	Kans.	St. Paul	216	1584
Glenvil	Nebr.	St. Paul	125	913
Gothenberg	Nebr.	Zion	192	1408
Grand Island	Nebr.	Messiah	855	6270
Grand Island	Nebr.	St. Paul Eng.	2619	19206
Great Bend	Kans.	St. Mark	131	957
Greenleaf	Kans.	Trinity	93	671

Hanover	Kans.	Zion	401	2937
Hardy	Nebr.	St. Paul	87	638
Hastings	Nebr.	Immanuel	117	858
Hastings	Nebr.	St. Paul	156	1144
Hastings	Nebr.	First St. Paul	1122	8228
Hays	Kans.	Trinity	179	1309
Hildreth	Nebr.	St. Peter	447	3278
Hoisington	Kans.	Immanuel	188	1375
Hollenberg	Kans.	Zion	105	770
Home	Kans.	Friedens	182	1331
Hutchinson	Kans.	Zion	270	1980
Lanham	Kans.	St. John	167	1221
Linn	Kans.	St. Paul	155	1133
Marysville	Kans.	First	26	187
Mentor	Kans.	St. Paul	50	363
New Cambria	Kans.	Peace	45	330
Norcatur	Kans.	St. Mark	30	220
Ohiowa	Nebr.	St. John (RR)	125	913
Ohiowa	Nebr.	St. John	219	1606
Peabody	Kans.	St. Paul	143	1045
Perth	Kans.	St. James	15	110
Russell	Kans.	St. John	1202	8811
Russell	Kans.	Trinity	156	1144
Salina	Kans.	St. John	879	6446
Silver Cliff	Kans.	Zion	44	319
Stamford	Nebr.	Trinity	183	1342
Sutton	Nebr.	Zion	117	858
Wakeeney	Kans.	Bethlehem	208	1529
Wakeeney	Kans.	Zion	243	1782
Washington	Kans.	Good Shepherd	165	1210
Washington	Kans.	St. Paul	24	176
Waterville	Kans.	St. Mark	342	2508
Wellington	Kans.	St. John	102	748
Wichita	Kans.	Reformation	120	880
Wichita	Kans.	St. Paul	945	6930
Wilbur	Nebr.	First	303	2222
Wilson	Kans.	Excelsior	63	462

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	L.W.A. 1955	Appor't 1955
Auburn	Nebr.	St. John	282	2068
Auburn	Nebr.	St. Paul	605	4433
Benedict	Nebr.	Zion	185	1353
Bellevue	Nebr.	Immanuel	164	1199
Bennington	Nebr.	St. John	668	4895
Eagle	Nebr.	Trinity	32	231
Falls City	Nebr.	St. Paul	653	4785
Falls City	Nebr.	St. Peter	137	1001
Gretna	Nebr.	Resurrection	341	2497
Hampton	Nebr.	Emmanuel	105	770

Johnson	Nebr.	St. Matthew	299	2189
Langdon	Mo.	St. Peter	150	1100
Lincoln	Nebr.	Friedens	824	6039
Lincoln	Nebr.	Grace	1269	9306
Lincoln	Nebr.	United	314	2290
Lincoln	Nebr.	Zion	179	1309
Lincoln	Nebr.	Latvian		
Louisville	Nebr.	Christ	191	1397
McCool Junction	Nebr.	First	165	1210
Nebraska City	Nebr.	First	387	2849
Northboro	Iowa	St. Paul	144	1056
Omaha	Nebr.	First English	806	5907
Omaha	Nebr.	Grace	450	3300
Omaha	Nebr.	Kountze Mem'l	3059	22429
Omaha	Nebr.	Luther Mem'l	362	2651
Omaha	Nebr.	Our Redeemer	1059	7766
Omaha	Nebr.	St. Luke	1143	8382
Omaha	Nebr.	St. Matthew	168	1232
Otoe	Nebr.	St. John	194	1419
Papillion	Nebr.	Trinity	480	3520
Rockport	Mo.	First	300	2200
Rising City	Nebr.	First	207	1518
Stella	Nebr.	Trinity	23	165
Sterling	Nebr.	St. John	138	1012
Syracuse	Nebr.	First	45	330
Verdon	Nebr.	St. Mark	221	1617
Westboro	Mo.	St. John	390	2860
Walton	Nebr.	Grace	71	517
Valley	Nebr.	St. Mark		
York	Nebr.	First	183	1342
Yutan	Nebr.	St. John	548	4015

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NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

City	State	Church	L.W.A. 1955	Appor't 1955
Allen	Nebr.	First	180	1320
Ames	Nebr.	Resurrection	51	374
Bloomfield	Nebr.	St. Mark	617	4521
Bloomfield (Lindy)	Nebr.	Good Shepherd	54	396
Columbus	Nebr.	Trinity	832	6105
Columbus	Nebr.	St. John	327	2398
Columbus	Nebr.	United	126	924
Creston	Nebr.	St. Peter	229	1716
Dakota City	Nebr.	Immanuel	12	88
Dakota City	Nebr.	Salem	281	2057
Emerson	Nebr.	St. Luke	302	2211
Emerson	Nebr.	St. Paul	336	2464
Fontanelle	Nebr.	Salem	249	1826
Fremont	Nebr.	Salem	1499	10989
Homer	Nebr.	St. Paul	204	1496

Hooper	Nebr.	Grace	476	3487
Hooper	Nebr.	St. Paul	435	3190
Hooper	Nebr.	Zion	333	2442
Hubbard	Nebr.	Trinity	108	792
Leigh	Nebr.	St. John	276	2024
Leigh	Nebr.	St. Paul	183	1342
Madison	Nebr.	Immanuel	84	616
Niobrara	Nebr.	Niobrara	81	594
Norfolk	Nebr.	St. John	405	2970
Pender	Nebr.	St. Mark	765	5610
Pender	Nebr.	St. Peter	270	1980
Pierce	Nebr.	Christ	195	1430
Pilger	Nebr.	St. Peter	260	1969
Platte Center	Nebr.	Zion	123	902
Pleasant Valley	Nebr.	St. Matthew	63	462
Ponca	Nebr.	Salem	317	2321
Schuyler	Nebr.	St. John	240	1760
Scribner	Nebr.	St. John	222	1628
Scribner	Nebr.	Ridgeley	227	1661
Scribner	Nebr.	United	263	1925
Snyder	Nebr.	Immanuel	65	473
So. Sioux City	Nebr.	First	690	5060
Spencer	Nebr.	United	147	1078
Stanton	Nebr.	St. Luke	75	550
Tekamah	Nebr.	Emmanuel	252	1848
Uehling	Nebr.	St. Paul	80	583
Vacoma	Nebr.	St. John	51	374
Wayne	Nebr.	Redeemer	773	5665
Wayne	Nebr.	St. Paul	588	4312
West Point	Nebr.	Grace	812	5951
Wisner	Nebr.	Christ	248	1815
Wolbach	Nebr.	Trinity	303	2211
Winside	Nebr.	Trinity	273	2002
Tea	S. D.	Trinity	189	1386

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City	State	Church	L.W.A. 1955	Appor't 1955
Alliance	Nebr.	St. John United	267	1958
Broadwater	Nebr.	Messiah	111	814
Chappell	Nebr.	Grace	69	506
Dalton	Nebr.	Trinity	215	1573
Lodgepole	Nebr.	Immanuel	128	935
Gurley	Nebr.	Grace	204	1496
North Platte	Nebr.	First	1890	13860
Oshkosh	Nebr.	St. Mark	135	990
Paxton	Nebr.	Trinity	285	2090
Potter	Nebr.	First	180	1320
Sidney	Nebr.	Holy Trinity	475	3465
Sutherland	Nebr.	Grace	30	220
Lewellen	Nebr.	Grace	96	704

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